

## Minutes of the Local Government York, North Yorkshire & East Riding Housing Board

1.00pm Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2018  
Premier Modular Factory, East Riding of Yorkshire

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1. **Attendance:** Cllr Richard Foster, Craven DC; Sarah Hall, YNYER SHP; Gary Housden Ryedale DC; Julian Rudd, LEP; Cllr Ian Threlfall, Richmondshire DC; Karen Anderson, Homes England; Julia Histon, York HA; Colin Dales, Richmondshire DC; Wyn Ashton, Craven DC; Sue Walters Thompson, Hambleton DC; Neil Irving, NYCC; Alison Fisher, NYMNPA; Sarah Thompson, Selby DC; Cllr Christopher Pearson, Selby DC; Andrew Rowe, Scarborough BC; John Craig, ERYC; Andy Powell, Broadacres HA; Simon Hobbs, Harrogate BC.
2. **Apologies for Absence:** Carl Bunnage, NYCC; Matt O'Neil, NYCC; Cllr Andrew Lee, NYCC; Cllr Symon Frazer, ERYC; Gail Teasdale, Broadacres HA; Cllr Bill Chatt, Scarborough BC; Madeline Bell, Harrogate BC; Cllr Mike Chambers, Harrogate BC; Cllr David Webster, Hambleton DC; Tom Brittain, CYC; Cllr Helen Douglas;
3. **Minutes of meeting held on 23<sup>th</sup> April 2018** – Agreed as a true and accurate record. Members wished to record their condolences on Paul Newmans' death.

#### 4. **Item 3 - Asylum Seekers Dispersal Programme**

Colin outlined the background and content of the paper. To date Craven, Harrogate and NYCC have supported the proposals with Scarborough not in support and Hambleton deciding to defer their decision. Colin highlighted the risks at 3.3 of the paper and that further clarification may be needed from the Home Office. Gary added that Ryedale DC were minded to approve the proposal but will now recommend in support only in principle until further clarification is available. Neil advised that more information would probably not be available until into 2019. A draft letter from Leeds CC leader has also been circulated asking for further info from the Home Office

**Agreed:** That the Housing Partnership take no further action or any related decisions on the asylum dispersal scheme until the position around the selection of a new Home Office appointed contractor for the sub region and the associated role / influence of Local Authorities is fully clarified.

#### 5. **Item 4 - Community Led Housing Fund and Hub Update**

Sarah updated the group on the announcement of the next round of the [Community Housing Fund](#) and then on proposals in the paper to make the Reach Hub more sustainable, independent and able to build a further pipeline.

**Agreed:** To approve the recommendations in the paper i.e.

- Develop a specification setting out the objectives for the Hub and a resulting business plan which responds to this
- Continue the Hub and approach Community First Yorkshire and Humber & Wolds Community Council to discuss their appetite to support and develop the Hub for at least 12 months (subject to HDC procurement)
- Start work to develop an independent governance model for the Hub to ensure true community ownership and future sustainability

- Ask JLL/Start to undertake a final refresh of the advisor panels and then hand the Hub administration role over to the Housing Partnership
- Continue to work with JLL's web design team for the short/medium term to to host, edit and maintain the website while a business plan is put in place.

**6. Item 5 - Housing Strategy – Outturn for 2017/18**

Sarah gave a presentation showing an increase in permissions and completions, progress in preventing homelessness, the RHE programme out turn and information on DFGs. The presentation can be viewed here [XXXXXXXX](#)

Julia outlined some of the reasons behind the lack of a corresponding increase in the number of affordable homes and that this is a national issue which has been explored by the National Housing Federation. Local reasons also include the patchy coverage of Local Plans and the recent issues with Craven DCs affordable housing policy.

Overall members welcomed the strong performance, particularly in terms of housing completions.

**7. Item 6 - Rural Revolving Land Bank – Proposal to be a pilot area**

Sarah outlined the paper and proposal circulated and updated members on some changes to the proposal since papers were circulated.

**Agreed:** To support the proposal to become a land bank pilot area.

**8. Item 7 – Initiatives - Progress Update**

Sarah, Colin and Julian updated members on progress towards a Housing Deal for YNYER, the work on unimplemented planning permissions and the sites to be masterplanned from the award of Design Quality Funding.

**Agreed:** To ask GVA to present the final findings of the work on unimplemented Permissions at the next meeting.

**9. Item 8 – Housing Association Update**

Covered in Item 5 above.

**10. Item 9 Homes England Update**

Karen outlined that:

- The Community Housing Fund had been announced
- The additional HRA borrowing would be available to York and Harrogate
- That sites in York and Harrogate may be eligible for Homes England funding for social rented homes.
- Care and Support programme has been announced for supported housing
- Strategic housing deals have been announced with Home, Great Places and Places for People – this could also be extended to other RPs or consortia of RPs if a 20% uplift on affordable housing delivery

These additional abilities are due to the fact that York and Harrogate are considered to be high pressure markets, where market rents are more than £50 per week above social rents.

**Agreed:** to look at including an 'ask' in the Housing Deal around extending this definition beyond York and Harrogate.

**11. Item 10 - Syrian Refugees Resettlement Programme Extension**

Neil outlined that North Yorkshire have been asked to continue with the programme both pre and post 2020. The need for partnership working was again highlighted as this impacts both districts and the county council. Members asked if this would be in parallel with any asylum seeker dispersal and whether the Board were able to make a decision on Refugee Resettlement without further information on Asylum Seeker Dispersal.

**Agreed:**

- To reject any further refugee resettlement before 2020 as the Housing Partnership has already fulfilled its commitment. To enter into further discussions with the Home Office regarding a post 2020 programme on the basis that similar funding is available and that a partnership approach is taken.
- To write to the Home Office setting out this position, while allowing individual Councils the option not to participate.

**12. AOB**

- To consider approaching the Home Builders Federation to ask for a private sector representative. SH to action.
- To thank Premier Modular for the tour of their facilities and for hosting the meeting.

**13. Date and time of Next Meeting**

12th Nov 2018 1pm – Rural Arts Centre, Thirsk.

Preceded by YNYER Housing Forum meeting 10:00 – 12:00