

Infrastructure Delivery Steering Group Notes

Attendees:

Dave Allenby – Harrogate Borough Council
Chris Barwell – North Lincolnshire Council
Carl Bunnage – North Yorkshire County Council
James Durham – East Riding of Yorkshire Council
Rebecca Harrison – City of York Council
Claire Beech – City of York Council
Richard Hollinson – Wakefield Metropolitan District Council
Richard Holmes – Sheffield City Council
John Pilgrim – Yorkshire Forward
Will Kemp – LGYH
Ruth Hardingham – LGYH
Martin Elliot – LGYH
Hannah Madajewski – LGYH

Apologies:

Geoff Dibb - GOYH

1. Purpose of Group

Agreed terms of reference of the group:

- To raise awareness of infrastructure planning;
- To highlight the key relationships within the region and facilitate joint working, esp. where it adds value and makes efficiency savings;
- To work out a process for infrastructure planning that benefits both local, sub-regional and regional planning through consistent approaches and avoid duplication;
- To promote good practice and guidance that helps to shape LPA studies;
- To identify skills needed to deliver infrastructure that achieves the outcomes of local and regional plans and ensure that skills gaps are filled;
- To prepare for wider Technical Advisory Group meetings; and
- To develop a common regional view on infrastructure delivery that can be used to lobby other groups.

Considered that other attendees for future meetings should include health sector, Natural England and Highways Agency (JBA).

Agreed need to understand what involvement is currently happening and what infrastructure groups already exist. **ALL** to send details of known groups and studies to **Hannah Madajewski**.

Agreed need to meet before Technical Advisory Group meetings and then as necessary to progress work items.

2. Context

Will Kemp to send around information of regional progress to include:

- Definition of strategic infrastructure and fit with PAS guidance;
- Progress on GIS evidence base;
- Capacity and shortfalls; and
- Liaison with utility groups.

Group keen to feed into and understand what comes out of Regional Utilities Group.

Future issues for group to consider:

- Funding and investment programmes evidence base. **Martin Elliot** to investigate Bradford pilot on public sector investment; and
- Understanding of how infrastructure provision feeds into Core Strategy evidence base – support growth or not.

3. Local Infrastructure Delivery Plans

Ruth presented research on stage of Local Authorities with studies. The summary was attached with the papers.

There was discussion about which consultants would be best placed to do this type of work. It was agreed that while LGYH couldn't provide a list of recommended consultants we would seek to identify and share work from the region and beyond.

Sheffield noted that they have commissioned White Young Green to carry out a study focussing on water and energy. This has a cost of £200k.

Wakefield also noted that they are considering a £100k project in support of further LDF work.

Agreed that we need to consider what we can do to ensure that we spend efficiently.

Not every Local Authority is at the same stage. Agreed that this should not prevent joint working. Agreed that we need to identify what consistent regional/sub-regional messages can be achieved jointly so as to at least provide a supplement to local studies.

Martin noted that there is potential to use Regional Improvement and Efficiency Partnership funding Infrastructure work and he will seek further clarification on this from LGYH (**ME**).

North Yorkshire are carrying out a study on CIL using Ecotec.

Martin to prepare a short report which sets out what elements could be included in a Guide for Local Authorities. This could look at regional and sub-regional evidence, guidance, methodology for standards and deficiencies and examples of procurement etc. It could also set out what information should already be at hand prior to involving consultants.

Martin to present this to TAG on 18th June. This will be circulated to the steering group by 8th June for comments.

TAG Meetings

18th June:

David Fanaroff from Natural England will talk about the Green Infrastructure project. Stuart Clewlow from Yorkshire Forward will talk about GIS Transport Data. There will be a wider update on other evidence base work. Agreed that further thought is needed on workshop discussions.

Group considered that a wider Infrastructure Event would be valuable.

Content of future TAG meetings tbc at next meeting.

Website

Welcomed idea of infrastructure section of LGYH web-site which will be updated with evidence and good practice.

Next meeting: TBC.