



MINUTES OF THE SPATIAL PLANNING BOARD: 29 JUNE 2009

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the Spatial Planning Board. A full list of attendees and apologies are **noted at Annex A**.

2. Introduction

The Chair emphasised that the new governance arrangements are about doing things differently and working in a different way to previous Assembly arrangements. The main difference being that there is a stronger emphasis on sub regions as the drivers and building on work and decisions made at the local and sub-regional level in the Regional Board.

It was **agreed** that officers would provide a paper on 'what we will do differently' well in advance of the next Spatial Planning Board meeting so that members could discuss this with their constituent bodies before the next meeting.

Chris
Martin

The Chair highlighted that the Board was still waiting for a nomination from Doncaster Council for one of the Sheffield City Region positions.

3. The Workings of the Board

The Board **agreed** the initial terms of reference for the Spatial Planning Board, together with the scheme of delegation from the Regional Board. The Board proposed that in addition, delegated powers be requested to deal with consultation responses to relevant Government guidance, whilst ensuring that delegation from the JRB did not lead to compartmentalisation between the Boards.

Chris
Martin

It was **agreed** that it would be helpful to continue with the Regional Planning Forum and the Technical Advisory Group on an interim basis until October, to ensure all local authorities and a range of partners are engaged.

Chris
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It was **agreed** that a summary of the work of each Thematic Board and their connectivity to the work of the Spatial Planning Board should be circulated with papers for the next meeting. This could also be a useful update at each meeting.

Chris
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It was **agreed** that officers should write to the secretariat of each functional sub-region (FSR) to ask what mechanisms were in place or being developed to ensure communication and engagement between the Spatial Planning Board and its FSR members and FSR local authorities and governance structures.

Chris
Martin

4. Spatial Planning Implementation Activities

Members **agreed** the programme of work to help implement spatial planning policies and assist Local Authorities in preparing Local Development Frameworks subject to:

Jenny Poxon

- The work programme being prioritised – key priorities are: increasing and improving infrastructure provision, focusing development on the settlement network, matching housing types to housing needs, increasing the provision of affordable housing, improving understanding of changing economic circumstances and proactive flood risk management.
- The work programme must link in with the work of the other Thematic Boards.
- The table should be more user friendly and articulate how the region will improve or won't improve if the outcomes are achieved/not achieved.

It was **agreed** that a revised table should be brought to the next meeting with updates on related activities.

Jenny Poxon

5. Response to Draft Planning Policy Statement 4 – Planning for Prosperous Economies

Members **agreed** the response to the Government consultation on revised national planning guidance on economic development and asked that the potential implications of the use of digital technology should also be included in the final submission as an issue that CLG should address.

Richard Wood

6. Regional Strategy work

Members **agreed** the recommendations in the report subject to Environmental Capacity, Sustainable Development and responding to Climate Change being clearly identified as cross cutting themes for the preparation of the Integrated Regional Strategy.

Richard Wood

It was **agreed** that the Regional Environmental Enhancement Strategy should be included in the list of existing evidence to feed into the preparation of the IRS.

Richard Wood

It was **agreed** that it was important to ensure consistency in gathering the evidence base for the IRS across the region.

Richard Wood

It was **agreed** that the Board would discuss the implications of the findings of the Housing Delivery Enquiry at its next meeting

Richard Wood

7. Future Work Programme for the Board

It was **agreed** that the work programme of the Board related to activities agreed under items 4 and 6.

8. Schedule of Meetings 2009/10

Members noted that the meeting scheduled for 9th October would now have to be moved as it clashed with Yorkshire Forward's AGM.

Members also **agreed** to move the date of the November meeting to December. (Revised dates will be circulated in due course)

Jessica
Jubb

The Chair asked that each local authority member forward details of their named substitute to Jessica Jubb.

All

9. Any other business

It was suggested that Cllr Mick Grant talk to the Hull and Humber Ports sub regional board about the potential IRS issues he raised in connection with the South Humber Bank, so they could be included in the evidence submitted by the Sub-Region to the Joint Regional Board.

It was **agreed** that it would be useful for the Board to visit different parts of the region and combine this with its meetings. Cllr Mick Grant offered the Hull and Humber Ports sub-region as the location for the first such visit.

Jessica
Jubb

Jessica Jubb, Executive Services Officer
Local Government Yorkshire and Humber

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ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Name

Cllr Peter Box (Chair)
Cllr Ann Reid
Cllr Anne Hawkesworth
Cllr Barry Anderson
Cllr John Fareham
Rob Pearson (sub David Curtis)
Cllr Keith Knaggs
Paul Rogerson
David Slater
Gill Stride
Margaret Jackson
Mick Grant
Patrick Bowes (sub Simon Foy)

Organisation

LGYH
Local Government North Yorkshire and York
Leeds City Region
Leeds City Region
Hull & Humber Ports City Region
Homes & Communities Agency
Local Government North Yorkshire and York
Local Authority Chief Executive
Churches Regional Commission
Campaign to Protect Rural England
Government Office for Yorkshire and Humber
Hull & Humber Ports City Region
Yorkshire Forward

Officers

Jenny Poxon
Richard Wood
Chris Martin
Jessica Jubb (note taker)

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Apologies

Andrew Palmer
Simon Foy
Julie Kenny
David Curtis
Cllr Gerald Smith

CBI
Yorkshire Forward
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Homes & Communities Agency
Sheffield City Region