
**WITHOUT WALLS LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP
YORK ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP**

Minutes

Meeting: Tuesday 11th August 2015,

At: Hudson Board Room, West Offices

PRESENT:

Stirling Kimkeran – (Chair) Chief Executive, Omnicom Engineering
Cllr Chris Steward – CYC
Cllr David Levene – CYC
Cllr Anne Reid – CYC
Steve Stewart – Chief Executive, CYC
Neil Ferris – Acting Director of City and Environmental Services, CYC
Susie Cawood – Head, York & North Yorkshire Chambers of Commerce
Jane Lady Gibson – Chair, Make it York
Steve Brown – Managing Director, Make it York
Alison Birkinshaw – Principal, York College
David Chesser – Chief Operating Officer, York St John University
Adam Sinclair – Director, City Team York
Kevin Curley – Chief Executive, York CVS
Andrew Follington – North Yorkshire Area Commercial Director, HSBC
Stephen Hind – Route Enhancement Manager, Network Rail

IN ATTENDANCE:

Phil Witcherley – CYC
Mark Alty – CYC

APOLOGIES:

Keven Parker, Tim Hedley-Jones, Peter Clinker, Cllr Aspden, Martyn Weller, John Lister, Emma Smailes, Koen Lamberts, Sally Burns.

1. Minutes of the Last Meeting and Matters Arising–18^h September 2014

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved and all actions were delivered apart from the following actions.

Action: City of York Council to update the revised York representation on the Local Enterprise Partnership boards following the election.

Action: Make it York to provide future meetings with a calendar of future events in the city.

MAJOR STRATEGIC DISCUSSIONS:

2. Devolution Consultation

- An overview of the issues surrounding devolution was presented.
- Members of the YEP were informed about an upcoming Chamber of Commerce business lunch on devolution on the 3rd September. Ian Floyd from the City of York Council will be the keynote speaker.
- Businesses were encouraged to put in any feedback on devolution to devolution@york.gov.uk.

3. York Economic Strategy

The board approved the process as set out in the paper with a small number of changes:

- Subgroup chairs will require guidance before the first workshop on performance KPIs. However, the board agreed that the stretch on KPIs would vary depending on what city businesses, Make it York, education providers, the Council and other partners were prepared to sign up to deliver.
- In the process, all board members and partners agreed to work to ensure that repetition of effort is minimised from other work.
- It was agreed that the 60 partners involved in the March workshop will continue to be involved.
- Andrew Follington will not chair the workshop allocated to him due to time commitments, we will look for an alternative chair for this group.

4. Council Plan Consultation

The board was taken through the Council Plan consultation.

Action: Board members to provide comments to Benjamin Mehrstens by the 26th August.

5. Make it York Update

Steve Brown provided an update on progress for Make it York.

On the business team, Simon Middleton has been appointed to work on access to finance and Jo Burgess has been appointed on SME growth.

On inward investment, Make it York is developing a business case for launch by the end of the year. In doing this, they are working with Hiscox on the approach they took when deciding to relocate to York.

On small business growth, Make it York is working with Hiscox on start up space for 50-100 entrepreneurs with an aimed launch by the beginning on 2016. Science City York has won a £102k grant to support start up and growth in digital, creative and agritech businesses.

On empty premises, Make it York is looking to attract a number of new retailers to replace empty shops in the city centre.

6. Any Other Business

Keven Parker, Shepherd Group has resigned his membership of the York Economic Partnership.

Justine Andrew, KPMG was proposed and accepted as his successor to the board.

Action 1: CYC to prepare a thank you letter to Keven Parker

Action 2: CYC to circulate York Economic Partnership terms of reference to the board.