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

Meeting: Thursday 19th June 2014, 4pm -6pm

At: HSBC, York

Attending:

- Tim Hedley-Jones, East Coast Mainline (Deputy Chair)
- Andrew Follington, HSBC
- Keven Parker, Shepherd Group
- Cllr Chris Steward, CYC
- Cllr Tracey Simpson-Laing, CYC
- Gary Jones, CVS
- David Fleming, York St. John University
- David Cox, FSB
- Colin Mellors, University of York
- Emma Smailes, Interim Chair Business Engagement Group
- Susie Cawood, Chamber of Commerce
- Stephen Hind, Network Rail
- Sarah Tanburn, CYC

In attendance

Charles Storr, CYC
Jonathan Walker, CYC
David Walmsley, CYC
Nathan Vasey, CYC

Apologies:

- Stirling Kimkeran (Chair), Omnicom
- Cllr James Alexander, CYC
- Phil Verster, Network Rail
- Kersten England, CYC
- Angela Darling, Aviva
- Jane Lady Gibson, Visit York
- Alison Birkinshaw, York College
- Katie Stewart, CYC

ADMINISTRATION AND GOVERNANCE:

- 1. Welcome, apologies, and declarations of interests and other business arising**

Tim Hedley-Jones (THJ) welcomed the group and asked for declarations of interest/other business arising relating to agenda.

2. Minutes of the meeting held on 05th March 2014

Minutes were circulated with agenda

THJ asked the group to confirm that the minutes were an accurate record of the last meeting and whether there were any matters arising or declarations of interest. None were raised.

3. Performance report

Dashboard was circulated with agenda

Jonathan Walker (JW) presented the latest performance dashboard to the board. Highlighting the increased GVA for York and JSA claimants decrease. Overall York has 'ridden the recession very well' however a decrease in full-time employment and increase in part-time employment is to be noted.

The board discussed concerns over over-qualification of many workers in York.

Action 1: JW to investigate the over-qualification of local workforce, using local data and work commissioned by Hiscox.

4. New Arrangements of the YEP board

David Walmsley (DW) updated the board on the new arrangements within the Council over support for the board. Moving from the Economic Development Unit, the Policy unit will now support the YEP board. Katie Stewart is to become a member of the board.

STRATEGIC DISCUSSIONS:

5. Business Engagement Group (BEG) / York Business Week / Conference Update

Update circulated with the minutes

Emma Smailes (ES) updated the board on the work of the BEG. The main area covered was the organisation of the York Business Conference. A move from a micro-managed York Business Week to focusing on one key event to showcase York.

6. Update on NewCo

Sarah Tanburn (ST) updated the board on the progress on NewCo (the new company proposed to deliver a more effective marketing and business development for York).

The new company will have three main objectives: to deliver greater inward investment, increase the value of the visitor economy and promote the city's profile and cultural offer.

It was requested that Jane Lady Gibson (JLG) should update the board in more detail at the September meeting, once there is more definite information available.

Action 2: JLG to update the board on the progress of NewCo at the next meeting

Emma Smailes (ES) and Sarah Tanburn (ST) both suggested that the 'Creative Conversations' being held around NewCo's development should be opened up to the wider business community.

NewCo's relationship with the YEP board was unclear and the board wanted to clarify spelt out in the governance structure.

Action 3: THJ to speak to **Stirling Kimkeran (SK)** regarding NewCo's relationship with the YEP board

7. Task group reports / recommendations

7a. Productivity Group

Update was circulate with agenda

CS updated the board on the work of the Productivity Group. The board approved the ask to carry on with the work outlined in the update.

Stephen Hind (SH) suggested that funding may be available towards creating a University Technology College.

7b. City Centre Group

Update was circulate with agenda

David Cox (DC) updated the group on the work of the City Team York with an emphasis on the BID developments which received widespread support from the board.

DC voiced concerns over the delays experienced in implementing the pay-on-exit car parking changes, feeling that there was not enough resource within the council to take forward these projects.

Action 4: CS to investigate when the pay-on-exit machines will be operational *Update 01.07.14: The pay-on-exit system is now operational in Marygate car park*

The board discussed the idea of creating an Enterprise Zone. It was agreed that the costs and benefits of an enterprise should be investigated.

There was a general discussion about the board needing to focus on two or three actions to deliver outcomes.

Action 5: CS/DW to investigate the costs and benefits of establishing an Enterprise Zone

8. Update on combined authority

DW gave an update on York's involvement within the West Yorkshire Combined Authority (WYCA). Since the last YEP meeting the WYCA has come into effect and met twice. York is formally a non-constituent member.

The LEP SEPs have been adopted by the WYCA and we are now waiting to hear back from government.

To note, the Chair of the LCR LEP will be attending the next YEP board meeting.

9. Any other business

10. Close

Date and time of the next YEP Board meeting: Thursday 18th September, 16:00 to 18:00, venue tbc

SUMMARY OF ACTION POINTS, 19th June 2014

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