



## WITHOUT WALLS PARTNERSHIP Minutes

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**DATE** 27 June 2011

**VENUE** Marriott Room, York Explore, Library Square

**PRESENT Board Members:**

Cllr. James Alexander – City of York Council  
Sir Ron Cooke - Chair  
Pete Dwyer – Director, Learning, Culture and Children  
Kersten England, Chief Executive, CYC  
Cllr. Ian Gillies – City of York Council  
Rachel Johns – Chair, Healthy City Board  
Peter Kay – Chair, Economic Development Partnership  
Deputy Chief Constable Tim Madgwick - North Yorks. Police  
Colin Mellors, University of York & Higher York  
Cllr Dave Merrett – City of York Council  
Cllr Carol Runciman – City of York Council  
Rita Sanderson – Inclusive York Forum Representative  
Catherine Surtees – York CVS (on behalf of Angela Harrison)  
Asst. Chief Andy Trowsdale – North York. Fire Service  
Dianne Willcocks – Chair, York@Large  
Lisa Winward - Safer Neighbourhood Commander

**In attendance:**

Gill Cooper – Head of Arts and Culture  
David Warburton – Head of Design & Conservation  
Richard Wood – Asst Director (Strategic Planning & Transport)

**Secretariat:**

Jane Collingwood, Strategy, Partnerships and Planning Officer  
Stewart Halliday – Head of Strategy, Partnerships and Comms  
Denise Simms, Strategy, Partnerships & Planning Officer

**APOLOGIES:**

Jayne Brown, Chief Executive – NHS North Yorkshire and York  
Brian Cantor, Vice Chancellor - University of York  
Jill Gibson, External Relations Manager – Jobcentre Plus  
Angela Harrison, Chief Exec. – York Council for Vol. Service  
Nigel Hutchinson- Chief Fire Officer, North Yorks Fire Service  
Sue Metcalfe – Chair, YorOK  
Fred Ring – York Racial Equality Network  
Mike Slater, Chair York Environment Partnership  
Gary Williamson – Chief Executive, LYNYYCC

## **1 & 2 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

Partners welcomed Cllr Carol Runciman as representative of the Liberal Democrat Group in place of Andrew Waller. Apologies were received from Jayne Brown, Brian Cantor, Jill Gibson, Angela Harrison, Nigel Hutchinson, Sue Metcalfe, Fred Ring, Mike Slater and Gary Williamson.

## **3 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

Minutes of the meeting held on 16 February 2011 were agreed.

### **MATTERS ARISING**

LDF Core Strategy – Partners were informed that the LDF was being considered by Full Council on 30 June. There was support for the Core Strategy in most part, however, there had been particular debate about housing numbers. Cabinet had reconsidered the issue and had made a proposition to increase the provision to an average of 800 dwellings per annum. This was in response to concerns that inspectors could declare the plan unsound given the evidence base.

LTP3 – The Local Transport Plan had been submitted to Government by the 31 March deadline. There was a need now to bring in funding to deliver the priorities, including developing a ‘best and final offer’ for funds to make Park and Ride improvements. A decision was expected by the end of June on the Local Sustainable Transport bid, which could bring in £4.6 million for activities such as walking, cycling and travel plans. Officers were also working closely with the Economic Partnership to ascertain whether Regional Growth Funding could be obtained.

Fairness Commission – Partners had received a briefing paper on the development of a Fairness Commission for York, which would be a listening exercise in order to inform the council’s budget for 2012/14. Councillor Alexander informed Partners that there would be an independent Chair of approximately five public meetings. The meetings would be open to all to attend and there was long term potential to continue the work of the Commission past budget prioritisation and look more widely at issues of social justice.

It was important for as many stakeholders as possible to play a part in the proceedings, which would be formally launched in the next two weeks. In terms of timescales for meetings these would take place end Sept / early October and the Commission would deliver its report to

Cabinet in November 2011, in time to inform the budget setting process in February 2012. Comments from Partners included:

- Bear in mind how the City of Sanctuary could link in;
- The definition of fairness would have to be debated and agreed;
- It would take time and patience to engage those least able to articulate their views;
- The police had experience of running consultation events and they would be keen to share best practice.

#### **4 FINAL HEALTHY CITY BOARD ANNUAL REPORT**

Partners received the third and final Healthy City Board Annual report. The Healthy City Board had met for the last time on 7 June and the Health and Well Being Shadow Board would take over from September 2011.

Rachel Johns thanked Healthy City Board members for their consistent engagement and she acknowledged that, although progress had been made, some issues still needed to be taken forward in the future. Priorities for the Shadow H & WB Board going forward would be linked to the LAA, including targets around teenage conceptions, alcohol, obesity, supporting people, carers and ensuring a skilled professional and non-professional workforce.

The Health and Well Being Board would be a statutory committee of the council. It was well placed because of the work of the Healthy City Board and they were already working towards a revised Joint Strategic Needs Assessment, which would be ready in Dec 2011. This would lead to the production of a Health and Well Being Strategy by April 2012 that would set out the improvements that would be targeted.

Comments from Partners included:

- There should be a press release regarding these achievements;
- Targets going forward would be more specific to York;
- It would be important to benchmark our position and identify the critical areas of care moving forward.

Rachel was thanked for her contribution to the work of the Partnership.

**Action** – It was agreed that the Secretariat would arrange for a press release highlighting the achievements of the Healthy City Board.

## 5 STRATEGY FOR YORK

Partners had received a draft summary Strategy for York, including in a magazine style format. In addition, a copy of the draft City Plan, which set out key deliverables for the next four years, had been circulated. Stewart Halliday, Head of Strategy, Partnerships and Communication, explained that the City Plan would form the main focus of debate and that ultimately the delivery plan would be used as the catalyst for reviewing Partnership structures. He stressed that the Strategy was still important, however it was time to distil down to a smaller number of priorities. These had been suggested as Economic Growth, Infrastructure and Strong Communities. It was also important to embed the underpinning principles of Sustainability and Inclusion within all our work.

Partners broke off into discussion groups regarding each of the three themes and these comments would be incorporated into the next version of the City Plan.

**Action** – It was agreed that:

1. If Partners had any further comments to add on the City Plan priorities that these should be sent through to the Secretariat;
2. The revised version of the City Plan would be considered by each of the delivery partnerships.

## 6 LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT –PERFORMANCE REPORT 2010/11

Partners received a summary of the performance against LAA Targets covering the period April 2010 to March 2011. The report drew a line under the previous reporting arrangements and future performance targets would be aligned to the new City Plan once agreed.

**Action** – It was agreed that the Secretariat would ensure publicity of the achievements and future plans.

## 7 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There were no further WOW Partnership meeting dates in the diary.

**Action** – It was agreed that the Secretariat would arrange meeting dates for September onwards.

There being no other business, the meeting ended at 5:45pm.