

Annex 1

THIS AGREEMENT is dated the _____ day of _____ 2007 and provides for an agreement BETWEEN

- 1) Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council
- 2) City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council
- 3) Borough Council of Calderdale
- 4) Craven District Council
- 5) Harrogate Borough Council
- 6) Kirklees Metropolitan Council
- 7) Leeds City Council
- 8) North Yorkshire County Council
- 9) Selby District Council
- 10) City of Wakefield Metropolitan District Council
- 11) City of York Council

(The parties are hereinafter referred to collectively as “the Councils”)

WHEREAS

The Councils have agreed to establish a joint committee with a view to the promotion of economic growth, competitiveness and well being within the geographic area covered collectively by the Councils listed above (“the City Region”). In relation to North Yorkshire, this only applies to the geographical areas covered by Craven District Council, Harrogate Borough Council, and Selby District Council.

THIS AGREEMENT IS AS FOLLOWS:-

1. (a) In exercise of their powers under Sections 101 and 102 of the Local Government Act 1972, Part II of the Local Government Act 2000 and all other powers enabling them in that behalf, the Councils shall participate in a joint committee to be known as "The Leeds City Region Leaders' Board" (hereinafter referred to as "the Board") which shall be constituted and which shall conduct its business in accordance with the Procedure Rules / Regulations approved by the Support Services Authority as provided for in clause 4 and accepted by the Board.

(b) Each Council shall appoint one member of the Board who shall be its Leader for the time being.

2. (a) The Board is empowered to discharge on behalf of the Councils the function of doing anything it considers likely to achieve the promotion or improvement of the economic well being of the City Region together with such additional functions as the respective Councils may determine from time to time ALL WHICH said functions are hereinafter referred to as "the functions".

(b) The Board is empowered to arrange for the discharge of the functions or any of them by any Sub-Committee, including the determination of the composition and terms of reference of any Sub-Committee, or by an officer of the Councils so appointed and subsections (2) and (5) of Section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972 shall apply in relation to the functions of the Board as it applies in relation to the functions of the Councils PROVIDED that

any such Sub-Committee may only be appointed in accordance with Procedure Rules as already referred to in clause 1(a).

(c) The Board is empowered to set up such working parties (hereinafter referred to as Panels) for the purpose of providing advice to the Board on any matter and such Panels shall report direct to the Board and shall not have power to exercise on behalf of the Board any authority.

(d) A Panel shall comprise members of the Board or their representatives, and other such senior representatives of other organisations as may be co-opted onto the Panels by Agreement of the Board. A Panel may set up multi-agency task groups to advise the Panels and the Board.

3. Staff required for the purposes of carrying out the functions of the Board shall be employed by the Support Services Authority or seconded thereto as provided for in clause 4, subject to the requirements of the Board.

4. (a) Support Services as determined by the Board shall be provided by one of the Councils in accordance with arrangements agreed by the Councils.

(b) At the time of the making of this Agreement the Support Services Authority is Leeds City Council.

(c) If any conflict of interest shall arise in terms of the provision of support services by the Support Services Authority it shall be open to the Board to make alternative arrangements with one of the other Councils.

5. Until such time thereafter as the Councils may determine otherwise all revenue costs necessarily incurred by the Board in discharging the functions shall be shared by the Councils in the following percentage proportions:-

Leeds	25.9%
Bradford	16.9%
Kirklees	14.1%
Wakefield	11.4%
Barnsley	7.9%
Calderdale	7.0%
York	6.6%
Harrogate	2.7%
Selby	1.4%
Craven	1.0%
North Yorkshire	5.1%

6. The Support Services Authority will cooperate with each Council by providing relevant information on request relating to the provision of support services.
7. (a) This Agreement shall come into force on the 1st day of April 2007 and shall continue in force until one year's notice in writing is given by any of the Councils to the Chief Executive of the Support Services Authority for the time being and to the Chief Executive of each Council expiring on the 31st day of

March in any subsequent year of the intention of that Council to withdraw from this Agreement.

(b) Upon receipt of such a notice from a Council to withdraw from this Agreement, the Councils shall determine terms for the withdrawal of that Council from this Agreement or for the termination of this Agreement and more particularly in relation to how future obligations and liabilities of the Board ascertainable prior to the withdrawal or termination shall be met by the Councils

(c) Subject to clause 8, notwithstanding the withdrawal of a Council from the Agreement, the Agreement will continue in respect of the other Councils.

8. Notwithstanding the provisions of Clause 7 hereof, if all the Councils remaining in membership of the Board at any particular time so agree, this Agreement may be determined or varied on the 31st day of March in any year upon terms agreed by all the Councils. In agreeing to determine the Agreement ,the Councils shall agree the terms for doing so including how obligations and liabilities of the Board ascertainable prior to the termination or subsequently arising shall be met by the Councils

IN WITNESS whereof the Councils have

SIGNED