

Appendix 1: Proposed Governance Arrangements for Leeds City Region LEP and York and North Yorkshire LEP

	Leeds City Region	York and North Yorkshire (with the East Riding)
Approval of LEP	October 2010	February 2011
Chair	Neil McLean of DLA Piper appointed in January.	Chair to be appointed in April.
Board Composition	<p>17 Members including the Chair with 9 private sector members and 8 Local Authority Leaders.</p> <p>Board appointed and first Board meeting likely to take place in April.</p> <p>Private sector members were appointed in February and includes two members with strong York connections:</p> <p>Stephen Kennedy, CPPGroup plc, York Brian Cantor, Vice Chancellor, University of York John Parkin, Leeds Bradford International Airport Mark Ridgway, Group Rhodes, Wakefield Stephanie Burras, Leeds Ahead Gary Jones, MSA Engineering Systems Ltd & Heights Group, Halifax Paul Hamer, WYG Group, Leeds Gary Lumby, Yorkshire and Clydesdale Banks.</p> <p>The Leaders for the following local authorities are represented on the Board: York, Leeds, Bradford, Kirklees, Wakefield,, Calderdale, North Yorkshire and Harrogate.</p>	<p>15 Members including the Chair. (9 private sector members and 6 Local Authority Leaders).</p> <p>Recruitment process commenced in Feb and a Board is anticipated to be in place in May.</p> <p>Proposal for the local authority representation to be from the City of York, North Yorkshire County Council, East Riding of Yorkshire and 3 North Yorkshire Districts. This might require reconsideration should City of York Council decide not to take its place following a proposal from LCR Leaders that a local authority represented on the LCR LEP Board should not be represented an alternative LEP Board. City of York Council minded not to take its place on the York and North Yorkshire LEP Board if this would prejudice its place on the Leeds City Region LEP Board.</p>
Legal Entity	The LEP Chair has initiated exploratory work	The LEP will consider the whether to adopt a special legal status

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<p>(Government not proposing to legislate for a special status for LEPs).</p>	<p>to assess potential legal status for the LEP.</p>	<p>over the next few months.</p>
<p>Supporting Structures</p>	<p>The LEP Board will benefit from a strong local authority input with a continuation of the LCR Leaders' Board. A range of structures are already in place as part of the work to deliver the earlier LCR forerunner programme, and some such as the Innovation and Economic Drivers Panel, have a very strong private sector component. It is assumed that the new LEP Board will wish to review and build on these arrangements.</p>	<p>The current proposal (subject to review by the LEP Board) is that the 9 priority areas of work (set out in table 1) will each be lead by smaller working group (possibly lead by a LEP Board Member. The findings from the working groups would feed into the LEP Board.</p>
<p>Secretariat.</p>	<p>The secretariat arrangements for the LCR LEP have not been discussed to date, although it is assumed that the current secretarial support arrangements inherited from the LCR forerunner programme work will continue. Currently this involves the secretariat being hosted by Leeds City Council i.e. officers are technically Leeds City Council employees and are located in Leeds City Council offices although they work on behalf of all 11 city region local authorities.</p>	<p>Initially the secretariat will be located in York in the York and North Yorkshire Partnership offices, although this will be reviewed by the LEP Board. A new staffing structure is being devised for the secretariat.</p> <p>The secretariat work will be undertaken by a new Partnership Unit formed by the merger of the existing York and North Yorkshire Partnership Unit and the County Council's economic development unit. Service Level Agreements would provide recognition that there would need to be clear governance and funding arrangements for LEP work and local economic development work. Service Level Agreements would provide transparency and accountability between these separate roles.</p>
<p>Connections with Business</p>	<p>Since the government's announcement last year to set up LEPs, the LCR Partnership has focussed on engaging with local businesses.</p>	<p>The diverse and large geographical area of the LEP makes this a particular challenge. Business interests will be represented on the working groups mentioned above, and the Leeds, York and North</p>

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	<p>This has been achieved through close working with the Leeds, York and North Yorkshire Chamber of Commerce, and through utilising a range of existing business forums. For example the York Business Forum has received presentations on progress with the LCR LEP and has been encouraged to be involved with the development of the LEP.</p>	<p>Yorkshire Chamber of Commerce has taken a prominent role in assisting with the formation of the LEP.</p> <p>To achieve the appropriate the existing LEP shadow Board recognises that the work of the LEP will need to be communicated to businesses.</p> <p>There is a general recognition that more needs to be done to engage with business.</p>
<p>Communications</p>	<p>Comprehensive internet site set up with electronic newsletter and e mails circulated on a regular basis, supported by a suite of strategy, policy, information and topic reports.</p>	<p>Recognition that effective communications will be needed with partners, stakeholders and businesses.</p> <p>A dedicated internet site has recently been set up.</p>