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LEEDS CITY REGION BUSINESS RATES JOINT COMMITTEE

Meeting to be held in Wellington House, 40-50 Wellington Street, Leeds, LS1 2DE on
Friday, 20th November, 2015 at 10.00 am

MEMBERSHIP

David Green(Acting Chair)	-	City of Bradford MDC
Tim Swift	-	Calderdale MBC
Richard Cooper	-	Harrogate Borough Council
David Sheard	-	Kirklees Metropolitan Council
Judith Blake	-	Leeds City Council
Peter Box CBE	-	City of Wakefield MDC
Chris Steward	-	City of York Council

A G E N D A

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1			<p>APPEALS AGAINST REFUSAL OF INSPECTION OF DOCUMENTS</p> <p>To consider any appeals in accordance with Procedure Rule 15.2 of the Access to Information Rules (in the event of an Appeal the press and public will be excluded)</p>	
2			<p>LATE ITEMS</p> <p>To identify items which have been admitted to the agenda by the Chair for consideration.</p> <p>(The special circumstances shall be specified in the minutes).</p>	
3			<p>EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC</p> <p>To identify items where resolutions may be moved to exclude the public</p>	
4			<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <p>To receive apologies for absence (If any)</p>	
5			<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</p> <p>To disclose or draw attention to any disclosable pecuniary interests for the purposes of Section 31 of the Localism Act 2000 and paragraphs 13 -18 of the Members' Code of Conduct. Also to declare any other significant interests, which the Member wishes to declare in the public interest, in accordance with paragraphs 19-20 of the Members' Code of Conduct.</p>	
6			<p>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING</p> <p>To approve as a correct record the minutes of the previous meeting held on 12th March 2015.</p> <p>(Copy attached)</p>	1 - 2

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**LEEDS CITY REGION BUSINESS RATES POOL
2014/15 OUTTURN AND PROPOSALS FOR
FUTURE USE OF POOL RESOURCES**

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To consider a report by the Deputy Chief Executive, Leeds City Council, which sets out details of the 2014/15 outturn and proposals for future use of pool resources.

(Report attached)

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS

To consider any other business (If any)

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DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

To determine a date and time for the next meeting of the Joint Committee (If considered necessary)

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LEEDS CITY REGION LEADERS' BOARD Business Rates Pool Sub Committee

THURSDAY, 12TH MARCH, 2015

Present: Councillor D Green (City of Bradford MDC) (Chair), Councillor D Sheard (Kirklees MC), Councillor P Box (City of Wakefield) Councillor K Wakefield (Leeds City Council) Councillor T Swift (Calderdale MBC) and Councillor D Williams (City of York Council)

In Attendance: J Roney (Wakefield MDC) A Lythgo (Kirklees MC) S Hemingway (City of Bradford MDC), K England (City of York) W Sampson (Harrogate BC) M Macrae (Calderdale MBC) A Gay (LCC) J Grieve (LCC)

60 APPEALS AGAINST REFUSAL OF INSPECTION OF DOCUMENTS

There were no appeals against the refusal of inspection of documents.

61 LATE ITEMS

There were no late items of business

62 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED – That, in accordance with Regulation 4 of The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012, the public be excluded from the meeting during Consideration of the following parts of the agenda designated as exempt on the grounds that it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the public were present there would be disclosure to them of exempt information so designated as follows:-

Report entitled “Leeds City Region Business Rates Pool” as referred to in Minute No.67 was designated as exempt under Access to Information Procedure Rule 10.4(3) because it contained information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). It was considered in these circumstances that the public interest in maintaining the exemption from publication outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information

63 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Baines and Councillor Cooper

64 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests made at the meeting.

65 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 27th January 2015 were approved as a true and correct record.

66 MATTERS ARISING

There were no issues raised under matters arising.

67 LEEDS CITY REGION BUSINESS RATES POOL

With reference to the meeting of 27th January 2015 and proposals to provide enhanced funding to “Welcome to Yorkshire”. It was the decision of the Sub Committee to agree in principle to increase funding contribution, including existing subscriptions, to fund specific activities subject to an independent review of the financial position of the company and the establishment of revised governance arrangements. In addition this decision was dependent on the outcome of other similar considerations elsewhere in the region.

The Deputy Chief Executive of Leeds City Council submitted a report which provided an update on the position and sought the Leaders’ views on releasing funds to “Welcome to Yorkshire”.

RESOLVED –

- (i) To confirm the release of £167,000 to “Welcome to Yorkshire” being the level of existing subscriptions in respect of the Pool Members authorities:
- (ii) That the release of additional funding would be subject to further evidence from “Welcome to Yorkshire” of their financial stability.
- (iii) That the Chair and Chief Executive of “Welcome to Yorkshire” be invited to a future meeting with Leaders as soon as possible

68 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There were no issues raised under any other business

69 DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED – To note that a date, time and venue for the next meeting of the Sub Committee will be determined at a later date.

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