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<b>PART B:</b>	<b>RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL</b>
<b>REPORT TO:</b>	<b>POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE</b>
<b>DATE:</b>	<b>4 DECEMBER 2014</b>
<b>REPORT OF THE:</b>	<b>HEAD OF ECONOMY AND INFRASTRUCTURE JULIAN RUDD</b>
<b>TITLE OF REPORT:</b>	<b>JOINT COMMITTEE AND / OR COMBINED AUTHORITY FOR YORK, NORTH YORKSHIRE AND EAST RIDING</b>
<b>WARDS AFFECTED:</b>	<b>ALL</b>

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## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

### **1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 This report seeks Council approval for the principle of this Authority supporting and agreeing to form part of a Joint Committee arrangement for economic development, regeneration, strategic planning and transport matters in York, North Yorkshire and East Riding. A recommendation to immediately form such a Joint Committee is to be considered at a meeting of Local Government North Yorkshire and York on 5 December 2014. That meeting will also consider a recommendation that the potential for a Combined Authority covering parts of York, North Yorkshire and East Riding be assessed post-May 2015, taking account of investigatory work that is being commissioned into the costs and implications of such as model for YNYER.

### **2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 That Members recommend to Council:
- (i) that Ryedale District Council supports the principle of and agrees to form part of a Joint Committee arrangement for economic development, regeneration, strategic planning and transport matters in York, North Yorkshire and East Riding; and
  - (ii) that the potential for a Combined Authority covering parts of York, North Yorkshire and East Riding be assessed post-May 2015.

### **3.0 REASON FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 To provide improved governance arrangements and partnership working for economic development, regeneration, strategic planning and transport in the York, North Yorkshire and East Riding (YNYER) area. The Joint Committee is also

expected to enhance the likelihood of Government investment in YNYER and of the devolution of powers to support economic growth.

- 3.2 The recommendation to assess, post May 2015, the potential for a Combined Authority for part or all of the YNYER area reflects the potentially greater advantages of moving to such a governance model, as outlined in the report at Annex A.

#### **4.0 REPORT DETAILS**

- 4.1 The detailed report to North Yorkshire and York Chief Executives that is appended at Annex A sets out the key considerations in relation to moving to either a Joint Committee or Combined Authority model for YNYER.

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#### **Background Papers:**

'Combined Authorities' Report – 19 June 2014 P&R Committee:

<http://democracy.ryedale.gov.uk/documents/s18258/HEI%20Combined%20Authorities%20Consultation%20Report%2019%20June%202014%20Part%20A.pdf>