



PART B:	RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL
REPORT TO:	POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE
DATE:	23 NOVEMBER 2017
REPORT OF THE:	CHIEF EXECUTIVE (INTERIM) CLARE SLATER
TITLE OF REPORT:	DEVOLUTION UPDATE
WARDS AFFECTED:	ALL

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 For Members to consider the current position regarding a future combined authority to include the Ryedale District Council area

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That Members support the development of a combined authority to include Ryedale, with officers attending any future discussions, on the principle of a partnership of the willing.
- 2.2 That the preferred geography for a Combined Authority to include Ryedale to be that which includes as great a portion of the Yorkshire Region as possible and including as a minimum, York, North Yorkshire and East Riding.

3.0 REASON FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 That Members continue to demonstrate the support of the Council for the development of a combined authority and devolution deal to include the Ryedale area.

4.0 SIGNIFICANT RISKS

- 4.1 That the Ryedale area is not included in a combined authority and any related devolution deal.
- 4.2 That the view of the Members of Ryedale District Council are not included in any future discussion on the geography of a combined authority and devolution deal for any part of the Yorkshire region.

5.0 POLICY CONTEXT AND CONSULTATION

- 5.1 In April 2016 Members resolved that support be given to officers to continue discussions with government on a devolution deal based on a York, North Yorkshire and East Riding of Yorkshire geography on a formal basis alongside other options.
- 5.2 Members have agreed to not have a Leader and that the Council should not have a political representative at any of the Yorkshire Leaders' Board or the Yorkshire Leaders Devolution meetings. The Chief Executive (Interim) currently attends these meetings and provides a briefing to Members as requested by Council through the Group Leaders.

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6.0 REPORT DETAILS

- 6.1 The options currently being discussed by the Leaders are as follows:
- i) One Yorkshire – a devolution deal to include the whole of Yorkshire
 - ii) Greater Yorkshire – a devolution deal for the areas of Yorkshire not covered by the South Yorkshire Devolution Deal.
- 6.2 The majority of Leaders who attend the meetings of the Yorkshire Leaders Board continue to support the development of a One Yorkshire devolution deal. The government continue to support the South Yorkshire Devolution Deal.

In order to clarify the position in relation to the South Yorkshire Deal and the prospects of a devolution deal for the whole of Yorkshire, a meeting has been requested with the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government and all of the Leaders who comprise the 'coalition of the willing'.

- 6.3 The date of the next Yorkshire Leaders Board is 12 January 2018 in York, and the next proposed Yorkshire Leaders Devolution meeting is scheduled for 4 December 2017 in Leeds.

7.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 The following implications have been identified:
- a) Financial
Currently none identified as any discussions on a possible devolution deal are not yet advanced.
 - b) Legal
Currently none identified as any discussions on the governance arrangements for any combined authority are not yet advanced.
 - c) Other
None

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Background Papers:

None