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Part A – Items considered in public

1	Apologies for Absence	Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Hawkins and Mrs Keal.
2	Minutes of the last Meeting of the Commissioning Board held on 27 January 2011	<p>The minutes of the meeting of the Commissioning Board held on 27 January 2011 (previously circulated) were presented.</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That the minutes of the meeting of the Commissioning Board held on 27 January 2011 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.</p>
3	Declarations of Interest	In accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct Councillor Hemesley declared a personal interest in items 9 and 10 (Feedback from Joint Commissioning Group – Active & Environment and Helmsley Community & Sports Club Update and Ryedale Pool Development) as the Council's representative on Community Leisure Ltd Board of Management.
4	Urgent Business	The Chairman reported that there were no items which she considered should be dealt with as a matter of urgency by virtue of Section 100B(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).
5	Ryedale Folk Museum - Video Presentation	The Chairman welcomed Mr Mike Benson, Director of the Ryedale Folk Museum, to the meeting. Mr Benson then gave a video presentation on the work of the museum
6	Housing Performance Update	<p>The Head of Economy & Housing submitted a report (previously circulated) the purpose of which was to inform Members of progress made against the Council's agreed Housing Strategy objectives and to look at the proposed challenges in the next 12 months.</p> <p>It was recommended that Members endorse the performance report and consider any amendments to policy or further action required to improve performance.</p> <p>The report outlined housing performance during 2010/2011, details of which were set out in</p>

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		<p>Annex A to the report. The report also set out the issues to address over the following 12 months, which were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing Options • Private Sector Renewal • Ryecare Lifeline Service • Affordable Housing Delivery <p>In addition the Head of Economy & Housing reported for information that the Council had been awarded a New Homes Bonus in the sum of £215k.</p> <p>In considering the report Members noted that new planning permissions had been granted for open market housing schemes during 2010/11 that would deliver around 150 additional affordable homes through planning gain. It was noted that such homes provided from open market development were not conditioned for local people only. Members requested that a report be submitted to a meeting of the Board early in the new Council term, relating to nomination rights in respect of affordable housing provision from open market development.</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>(a) That the performance report as submitted be endorsed</p> <p>(b) That a report be submitted to a future meeting of the Board in connection with the provision of affordable housing and in particular nomination rights to homes provided from open market development.</p>
7	Feedback from Joint Commissioning Groups - Economy & Housing Group	The Economy & Community Manager submitted for information (circulated at the meeting) feedback on the last meeting of the Joint Commissioning Group – Economy & Housing – held

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		<p>on 16 March 2011.</p> <p>The meeting had been convened following a resolution of the Commissioning Board at its meeting held on 27 January 2011 (Minute No 54 refers), when it had been resolved 'To convene a further meeting with partners and providers to feedback the outcomes of the process and to further discuss with them the issue of quality assessments'.</p> <p>The Economy & Community Manager reported that the following associated documents were to be circulated to Board Members following the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appendix A – Tourism Policy Summary • Appendix B – Visit Hull and East Yorkshire (VHEY) Proposal • Appendix C – Yorkshire Passion Press Release • Appendix D – WTY Proposal <p>The Head of Economy & Housing reported for information that following the District Council elections in May the next topic for consideration by the group was to be Private Sector Housing.</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That the report be noted.</p>
8	Ryedale Business Update	<p>The Head of Economy & Housing submitted a report (previously circulated), which updated Members on the York and North Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership (YNY LEP), the Council's engagement with small businesses, and sought authority to sign the federation of Small Businesses Accord Document.</p>

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		<p>Members were reminded that a presentation had been given to the Commissioning Board on 23 September 2010, introducing the concept of the Local Enterprise Partnership and the submission made by York and North Yorkshire authorities to the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills and Department for Communities and Local Government to form a York and North Yorkshire LEP.</p> <p>The York and North Yorkshire Economic Assessment 2010, indicated the high relative importance of the small business sector to Ryedale. 9% of York and North Yorkshire’s businesses were located in Ryedale (compared with 6% of the sub region’s population) and 23.5% employment related to self-employment, compared with 16.5% in York and North Yorkshire.</p> <p>The report detailed the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The York and North Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership • Federation of Small Businesses – Accord • Business Engagement Activity <p>In order to take forward the information gathered as part of the most recent Local Economic Assessment and through business engagement activity, it was anticipated that Council would develop its Local Economic Development Strategy to identify key priorities moving forward. It was important to ensure that Council was clear on its priorities in order to influence the decisions of the LEP and also to take advantage of funding opportunities to implement priority activity. The process of developing the Economic Development Strategy (including the Creative Economy aspect) was to be taken forward during 2011 and progress reported to the Commissioning Board.</p> <p>Resolved</p>

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		<p>(a) That the report be noted</p> <p>(b) That the Board approve the signing of the Federation of Small Businesses Accord</p>
9	Housing Services Manager	The Chairman reported for information that Mrs Kim Robertshaw had been appointed to the post of Housing Services Manager with effect from 7 March 2011. The Board congratulated Mrs Robertshaw on her appointment.
10	Feedback from Joint Commissioning Groups - Active & Environment Group	<p>The Head of Environment submitted a report (previously circulated), which updated the Board on the progress of the Active and Environment Joint Commissioning Group regarding the development of a Sport and Active Leisure Strategy.</p> <p>Since the last Commissioning Board meeting, Officers had undertaken investigation into current partnership and Local Authority work being done in and around the area of 'Active Living'.</p> <p>Targeted questionnaires had been prepared, which were to be used to inform discussion within organised focus groups, through which ideas for a marketing campaign and leisure strategy could be developed, the overarching aim being to encourage a more active lifestyle. Due to the scale of the project, and as requested by Members, the Active Living Strategy had been targeted for initial development.</p> <p>The next steps included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collation of information from questionnaires, completion of analysis, comparison with Sport England's national survey data for trend and variance analysis and identification of key themes and the types of focus groups required. The deadline for completing questionnaires was 31 March 2011.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation with various focus groups, with Members’ involvement, to discuss initial points made from the data and initial draft re the marketing strategy for Active Living for discussion with Members – March/early April. <p>The Head of Environment reported that some 300 responses had been received to date. The next meeting of the Group had been scheduled for 3 April 2011, however it was suggested that the meeting be re-scheduled in order to allow sufficient time to collate the results. It was agreed that the Head of Environment would notify Members of a revised date.</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>(a) That the report be noted</p> <p>(b) That the next meeting of the Active & Environment Joint Commissioning Group be rescheduled and that Members be notified of the revised date.</p>
11	Helmsley Community & Sports Club Update and Ryedale Pool Development	<p>The Head of Environment submitted a report (previously circulated), the purpose of which was to update Members on the progress with the re-development of Helmsley Community & Sports Club and for Members to consider in principle support for the development of additional sports facilities at Ryedale Pool.</p> <p>Members were reminded that the Helmsley Recreational Charity, which is responsible for managing Helmsley Community & Sports Club, had submitted bids for funding to develop and improve existing sport and community facilities. The Council had previously agreed to support the project with £500,000, subject to significant match funding being secured.</p> <p>Despite reaching the final two in a national funding initiative through Sport England the charity had been unsuccessful and had been unable to raise sufficient funds to enable the</p>

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		<p>development project to start. In the circumstances a revised proposal had been submitted for a much smaller project. However, the project would still deliver a significant and much needed improvement in the quality of services offered in the area.</p> <p>Details of the charity's new proposal, together with the development proposals at Ryedale Pool, were outlined in the report. At this stage in principle support was sought for the development at Ryedale Pool, which would be referred to Council for final approval subject to the submission of a satisfactory business case.</p> <p>Whilst welcoming the revised proposals, Members expressed disappointment that the Helmsley area would not benefit from the original anticipated investment of £500,000. In considering the report Members sought clarification on matters relating to the projected income and expenditure as set out in annex B2. The Head of Economy & Housing reported that Members' comments would be taken on board.</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>(a) That the changes to the Helmsley Recreational Charity capital scheme, which now requires £150,000 of Council capital support equally over three years, subject to equal match funding be noted</p> <p>(b) That in principle support be given for the development of a new gym facility at Ryedale Pool.</p>
12	Any other business that the Chairman decides is urgent	<p>There being no urgent business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.35 pm.</p> <p>Date of Publication 6 April 2011 Implementation Date of Decision 20 April 2011</p>