

Overview and Scrutiny in North Yorkshire**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

This Memorandum of Understanding is made on the 1st day of October 2008

BETWEEN:

1. Craven District Council
2. Hambleton District Council
3. Harrogate Borough Council
4. North Yorkshire County Council
5. Richmondshire District Council
6. Ryedale District Council
7. Scarborough Borough Council
8. Selby District Council

The above local authorities are hereafter referred to as “the Partners”.

1.0 NATURE OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

- 1.1 This Memorandum of Understanding is a statement of good faith between the Partners. It is not a legally binding document and is not intended to create any legal partnership between the Partners.

2.0 PURPOSE OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

- 2.1 The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding is to set out the intention of the Partners to collaborate in relation to the exercise of their overview and scrutiny functions in North Yorkshire, with particular emphasis on facilitating effective scrutiny of all organisations contributing to the delivery of the Local Area Agreement targets for the area.
- 2.2 This Memorandum aims to promote effective partnership working between the Partners for such purposes. It recognises the Partners’ intention to establish a relationship to co-operate in a broad range of areas relating to overview and scrutiny matters and to work together for their mutual benefit. The Partners may seek to encourage and develop collaborative activities in various ways, including the exchange of overview and scrutiny ideas, expertise and training opportunities.
- 2.3 The Partners agree that a pragmatic approach to the intended partnership working should be adopted, using existing scrutiny arrangements in each authority, with an understanding that links to the LAA may be explored within wider scrutiny reviews. It is likely that Protocols will be required regarding: the

coordination of information and the LAA; the establishment of joint overview and scrutiny committees and/or the co-option of Partners' overview and scrutiny committee Members onto other Partners' overview and scrutiny committees and the review and management of joint overview and scrutiny issues in North Yorkshire.

3.0 COMMENCEMENT AND DURATION

3.1 This Memorandum of Understanding shall become effective on the date above for a period of three years and will be reviewed thereafter.

4.0 AMENDMENT OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

- 4.1 The Partners will keep this Memorandum under review.
- 4.2 The Memorandum may be amended at any time. Where possible, amendments should be agreed by consensus between the Partners, however where consensus cannot be reached, amendments may be agreed by a majority of the Partners.

5.0 TERMINATION

- 5.1 This Memorandum of Understanding may be terminated at any time by mutual consent of all the Partners.
- 5.2 Where such a consensus cannot be reached, then the Memorandum may be terminated upon agreement by a majority of the Partners.
- 5.3 In any case of termination, the Partners will honour agreed commitments either via the accepted arrangements or suitable alternatives negotiated between them at that point.

6.0 SIGNATURE

6.1 The Partners agree to act in accordance with this Memorandum and any Protocols made under it.

SIGNED FOR AND ON BEHALF OF Craven District Council	Councillor Mrs Helen Firth
SIGNED FOR AND ON BEHALF OF Hambleton District Council	Councillor Mrs Bridget Fortune
SIGNED FOR AND ON BEHALF OF Harrogate Borough Council	Mark Codman
SIGNED FOR AND ON BEHALF OF North Yorkshire County Council	Hugh Williamson

AGENDA ITEM 8

ANNEX B

SIGNED FOR AND ON BEHALF OF
Richmondshire District Council

Councillor Paul Cullen

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SIGNED FOR AND ON BEHALF OF
Ryedale District Council

Paul Cresswell

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SIGNED FOR AND ON BEHALF OF
Scarborough Borough Council

Ian Anderson

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SIGNED FOR AND ON BEHALF OF
Selby District Council

Peter Burns

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