



Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (City and Regional Partnerships)

Date: 25th September 2008

Subject: Regional Governance Arrangements

Electoral Wards Affected: All

Ward Members consulted
(referred to in report)

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 At the last Board meeting Members asked for a report on the current regional governance arrangements.
- 1.2 Attached is a report of the Chief Executive's department setting out the present arrangements.
- 1.3 It should be stressed that this report represents very much a snapshot in time as the Government may be announcing their response to the Sub National Review of Economic Development and Regeneration consultation in the week commencing 22nd September 2008. It is hoped therefore that by the time of the Board's meeting some of the issues may have become clearer, though it is still likely that the 'permissive' approach will continue to apply, with regions developing their own solutions within the framework set by government.
- 1.4 A representative from the Chief Executive's department will attend the meeting to provide members with the latest update.

2.0 Recommendation

- 2.1 Members are asked to consider the report and ask questions of the officer attending the meeting and identify any possible area for further scrutiny on this issue.

Background Papers

Government's Sub national Review of Economic Development and Regeneration

Governance of Britain Green paper of July 2007

PSA Delivery Agreement

www.yhassembly.gov.uk/dnlds/joint%20Regional%20Response.pdf)

Regional Spatial Strategy – developed currently by the Regional Assembly

Northern Way

Yorkshire Forward www.yorkshire-forward.com

Northern Way Homes and Communities Agency

Regional Director for Yorkshire and Humber

Leeds City Region Development Programme

Regional Advisory Boards

Yorkshire and Humber Assembly www.yhassembly.gov.uk

Leeds City Region www.leeds.gov.uk/leedscityregion

www.leeds.gov.uk/leedscityregion/lcrfiles.html

www.berr.gov.uk

www.communities.gov.uk

www.lgyh.gov.uk

Leeds City Region multi–area agreement