



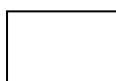
## Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

### Scrutiny Board: City and Regional Partnerships

Date: 25<sup>th</sup> 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 - Scope of the Report

Members of Scrutiny have asked for an outline of current governance arrangements at regional and city regional level. What follows is an overview of that complex 'landscape'. There is inevitably fluidity around precise future arrangements in the wake of the Government's Subnational Review of Economic Development and Regeneration (hereafter SNR) but work is progressing in advance of the Government's consultation response to SNR which is expected in late September or early October (possibly prior to the next meeting of Scrutiny Board). It will be important to provide an update on this issue to Scrutiny board as inevitably many of the uncertainties outlined in this paper could be resolved at that time.

The report also touches on other aspects of change in areas of transport and housing and regeneration which are linked. Members are intending to undertake a specific inquiry into the Leeds City Region multi-area agreement and the difference it makes in terms of practical delivery, so only limited detail is given here on that work.

In terms of recent history, members will be aware of many changes under the term of the present Government, the creation of Regional Development Agencies, the development of Regional Assemblies and their designated role as regional planning bodies as well as John Prescott's elected regional assembly proposal which was shelved after it failed to attract popular support. The Regional Funding Allocations advice process was introduced in 2005/6 (the second round of this is due to commence shortly). One of the more recent innovations coinciding with the Governance of Britain Green paper of July 2007 has been in Regions now having their own designated Ministers.

Devolving decision making to the regions has been a strong theme in Government reports in recent years linked to PSA Delivery Agreement 7: ***Improve the economic performance of all English regions and reduce the gap in economic growth rates between regions.*** There has been an increasing recognition of the pivotal importance of cities and their functional economies (also termed city regions) as drivers of the national economy. Leeds has been at the forefront of thinking on this, not only through its own Leeds City Region, but also via the collective work of the Core Cities group

of eight English cities ( Birmingham, Bristol, Leeds, Liverpool, Manchester, Newcastle, Nottingham, Sheffield).

Since the publication of SNR, there has been much discussion around the degree to which the SNR agenda represents further delegation from the centre or genuine devolution of powers from central government. While this debate will no doubt continue, practical discussions have been taking place in Yorkshire and the Humber to progress change. This report outlines the joint local government / Yorkshire Forward proposal which it is hoped will underpin those new arrangements.

One area of the potential new regional arrangements which has not yet been firmed up is that of scrutiny, within the region in terms of the new processes and delivery arrangements which will apply post SNR and at a national level. Government is expected to respond shortly to proposals recently put by Parliament's Modernisation Select Committee, proposing that Regional Select Committees be established on a temporary basis until the end of this Parliament when there needs to be a review of their effectiveness. It is suggested that these Select Committees reflect the political balance of the House rather than the region, and would meet six times a year. This would be supplemented with a Grand Committee in the region to be held twice a year. ( See appendix 1 below for an outline of current scrutiny arrangements)

The focus of this report is on the key players, it does not attempt to represent the complexity of delivery arrangements across specific functions. Because the regional agenda is littered with acronyms a glossary is provided as appendix 2 to this report, together with web address details for relevant bodies.

## **2.0 Key players - present and possible future roles**

In terms of presenting a simple summary 'who's who' of regional governance the following represents an outline of the role of the current key players and comments on the degree of change which is likely in the short to medium term, bearing in mind that the Government has yet to respond formally on the SNR.

<b>Regional body / player</b>	<b>Summary of current regional role and responsibilities</b>	<b>Comment on future role / responsibilities</b>
Yorkshire and Humber Assembly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Agrees and reviews progress on the region's vision and priorities for a better and sustainable future, overseeing an Integrated Regional Framework to guide the work of other regional strategies and plans;</li><li>• Lobbies, nationally and in Europe, to get the best possible deal for the region.</li><li>• Is the regional planning body, overseeing work with partners to shape where and what types of development will meet the future needs of the region;</li><li>• Oversees work to develop and implement the Yorkshire and Humber Plan (including the Regional Transport Strategy), and the Regional Housing Strategy, and helps shape the Regional Economic Strategy and other important regional plans;</li><li>• Is responsible for scrutinising the Regional Economic Strategy to ensure that work to secure sustainable economic development and growth is delivering real benefits for the region; and</li><li>• Ensures regional agencies are accountable to the region through the active, majority involvement of all 22 Local Authority Leaders working alongside social, economic and environmental partners.</li></ul>	Government have stated that Regional Assemblies will not exist in their current form post SNR implementation. However many of the functions which are carried out by the assembly will continue, many within expanded RDAs. The function of regional planning body is an issue of particular significance and concern for local authorities and democratic accountability, whether that passes to RDAs is still a particularly active issue for debate. Transitional arrangements will be needed to provide continuity of activity.

<p><b>Local Government Yorkshire and Humber</b></p>	<p>The regional partnership of local authorities, which enables them to work together and collaborate on issues of common purpose.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• bringing together local authorities within the region to discuss/debate/share learning on key issues affecting local government and will agree a strategic response on these issues.</li> <li>• supporting councils to improve how they deliver services.</li> <li>• contributing to and influencing Government on the future of local government, developing a vision for local government in Yorkshire and Humber.</li> <li>• work with local authorities to help them improve as employers.</li> <li>• work with local authorities to improve the public perception of local government</li> </ul>	<p>LGYH was formed in 2006 As part of a de-merger of the former association of Local Authorities from the Yorkshire and Humber Assembly to form LGYH. As such the SNR does not directly impact on all areas of their focus ( local government improvement and efficiency priorities for example) , but the changing relationships between local government and the regional development agency and the means by which that relationship is supported have implications for the way LGYH operates in future.</p>
<p><b>Government Office for Yorkshire and the Humber</b></p>	<p>Works with organisations across the Region to deliver Government policies and programmes and to contribute a regional perspective in their development.</p> <p>Works for 11 Government Departments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cabinet Office</li> <li>• Department of Culture Media and Sport</li> <li>• Department for Children, Schools and Families</li> <li>• Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs</li> <li>• Department of Health</li> <li>• Department for Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform</li> <li>• Department for Transport</li> <li>• Department for Work and Pensions</li> <li>• Home Office</li> <li>• Department for Communities and Local Government</li> <li>• Ministry of Justice</li> </ul> <p>As the representative of central Government in the region, they promote effective integration of policies and programmes so that they reflect priorities at regional and local level.</p> <p>Overall aim is to deliver thriving and sustainable communities across the region by working in partnership, ensuring effective delivery of Government programmes and informing policy development to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve the economy</li> <li>• Improve the quality of life of all those who live or work in the region, and the quality of experience for those who visit</li> <li>• Protect and improve the natural and built environment.</li> </ul>	<p>Government offices were subject to a Treasury review in 2006 which has resulted in a more strategic and focused approach to their operation.</p> <p>As part of the SNR process Government offices will have a pivotal role in supporting the transition process and implementation of new arrangements including the development of new regional strategies and governance arrangements. This is detailed in the Strategic Priorities Framework 2008-11 for Government Offices .</p>

Yorkshire Forward	<p>Yorkshire Forward has three aims that the region as a whole must deliver, and around which the whole Regional Economic Strategy has been structured:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enhancing and realising the potential of all Yorkshire and Humber's people to achieve a healthy learning region and social inclusion</li> <li>• Growing existing and new businesses to achieve high and stable levels of economic growth and jobs</li> <li>• Utilising the full potential of Yorkshire and Humber's physical and cultural assets, maximising resource efficiency and conserving and enhancing its environment to achieve an integrated, sustainable economy.</li> </ul> <p>Yorkshire Forward have also worked since 2004 with the two other RDAs in the Northern Way partnership aimed at closing the prosperity gap between the northern regions and the UK average.</p>	<p>Though potentially gaining functions from the regional assemblies, under SNR proposals RDAs will also become more strategic – they will delegate more to local authorities and others 'best placed to deliver economic improvements'. They would lead the development of new integrated regional strategies ( see below for discussion on joint RDA/ Local authority leader's proposal).</p>
Regional Minister	<p>As outlined in the Governance of Britain 2007 Green paper their role is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• advise the Secretary of State for Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform on the approval of regional strategies and appointment of RDA Chairs and Boards;</li> <li>• represent regional interests in the formulation of central government policy relevant to economic growth and sustainable development in areas that have not been devolved to the RDAs;</li> <li>• facilitate a joined up approach across government departments and agencies to enable the effective delivery of the single regional strategy;</li> <li>• champion the region at high level events and with regard to high profile projects (including through a programme of regional visits); and represent the Government with regard to central government policy at regional select committee hearings and at parliamentary debates focused specifically on the region.</li> </ul> <p>Each regional minister has developed their own approach to consultation and engagement within their regions.</p>	<p>The role has been in existence for just over a year, there has been no formal review of the role of regional ministers or particular indication within the SNR documents of how this role may change in the future.</p>

### **3.0      Regional Proposals : Future arrangements leading to 2010: Single Integrated Regional Strategy**

The future relationship between local government and Yorkshire Forward is pivotal to the delivery of the aspirations of the SNR, namely 'unleashing the economic potential' of local authorities and regions. While the principles for the development of the integrated regional strategy (IRS) and the engagement of local authority partners are laid out in the SNR, defining precise arrangements is being left to each region.

Local government in Yorkshire together with Yorkshire Forward have submitted a position paper proposal to Government in response to the SNR on the development and delivery of the IRS for the region to ensure co-ownership from the outset.

It proposes that a strategic relationship between a local government Strategic Leaders Board and Yorkshire Forward's Board will be at the heart of the joint working arrangements. The purpose of the strategic relationship will be to work towards agreement on the IRS, by adopting a joint approach to the development, agreement and delivery, and regional decisions on investment (such as RFA), policy and influencing with national government.

What follows is a summary of those regional proposals ( full document is available at [www.yhassembly.gov.uk/dnlds/joint%20Regional%20Response.pdf](http://www.yhassembly.gov.uk/dnlds/joint%20Regional%20Response.pdf) )

### **3.1 Purpose of single, integrated regional strategy**

The SNR proposes bringing together a number of regional strategies into a single, integrated regional strategy. This is intended to provide the region with a vision of 'how and where sustainable economic growth would be delivered'. Whilst the focus is on bringing together the economic (i.e. Regional Economic Strategy currently a RDA responsibility) and spatial (Regional Spatial Strategy – developed currently by the Regional Assembly), the IRS will incorporate a range of other regional strategies and frameworks – i.e. housing, transport, culture and sustainable development.

The preparation of the IRS will be further clarified in time and more guidance is expected on the details following the SNR consultation process. However, the SNR consultation document stresses the need for its development to be 'robust, transparent, open and efficient'.

### **3.2 Building from the Local upwards – Functional sub regions**

At the core of SNR is the principle of subsidiarity - that things should be built up from the local level and that there is an onus on 'doing things at the right level' to achieve the objective of sustainable economic growth.

This is reflected in the RDAs having a more strategic role in guiding sustainable economic growth and seeking to delegate delivery to the most appropriate level. The SNR details those areas where RDAs will retain a regional role, but over time the expectation is that they will focus on the strategic elements for the region and will delegate an increasing amount of funding to those best placed to deliver economic improvements.

Local authorities' role in economic development has been reinforced and the SNR contains a number of proposals to improve economic performance and regeneration at the local level, such as the preparation of local economic assessments to guide priorities and interventions. In discharging these responsibilities, authorities will need to have increasing regard to what is happening beyond their administrative boundaries.

As the rationale for SNR and delivering the IRS is primarily an economic one, then it is both sensible and appropriate that local authorities organise themselves to develop policy and deliver on relevant, strategic economic issues on this basis – i.e. as **functional sub regions**.

Each functional sub region:

- Will undertake the appropriate level of economic analysis to inform IRS development, building on individual local authority's local economic assessment;
- Building on the economic analysis, determine the priorities for investment at the functional sub region level; and
- Input into land use proposals for the IRS

This work will be agreed by the relevant Leaders group in the functional sub region with input from the representatives of Yorkshire Forward's Board.

The economic geography of the region is complex, with a large number of interconnected towns and cities, together with a significant rural area, largely to the North of the region. Work undertaken to

date, largely in response to the Northern Way, has identified three functional sub regions where there is a large degree of inter-relationships and interdependency, i.e. -

- a) The Hull & Humber Ports City Region:
- b) Leeds City Region
- c) Sheffield City Region
- d) In addition to these functional sub regions, focused around the major settlements, there is a fourth area characterised by rural economy focused on North Yorkshire. It is proposed that the North Yorkshire area is included as a fourth functional sub region.

The boundaries of these functional sub regions are overlapping: the Leeds and Sheffield City Regions both influence to a significant extent Barnsley; and the Leeds City Region and North Yorkshire rural economy. The rationale for working across functioning economies means that some flexibility is required around boundaries. Existing functional sub regional arrangements are each at different stages of evolution, with Leeds City Region currently demonstrating the most maturity in terms of robust governance arrangements.

### **3.3 New Strategic Relationship arrangements**

A strategic leaders board of 8 local authority Leaders, two from each sub region is proposed, mirrored by a group of members drawn from Yorkshire Forward's board. The aim of this strategic relationship would be seek to agree the IRS jointly, work on and agree regional investment decisions (such as Regional Funding Allocations ( RFA); and work for the region on strategic, economic matters. The strategic relationship would have a key role in making recommendations back to Ministers, for example.

Both sides of the strategic relationship will come together to reach agreement on the content of IRS and RFA. Issues will either be agreed by both parties or not agreed. It is not proposed to have joint voting on issues and therefore decision-making is not dependent on the numbers on either side of the relationship. Both sides of the strategic relationship will have responsibility for reporting back via their respective 'constituencies' – i.e. the 22 Local Authorities or the Yorkshire Forward Board, and final ratification of the IRS would be held by these groups.

The SNR consultation indicates that where agreement cannot be reached, the matter is referred to Ministers by the RDA (the IRS needs to be jointly signed off by both Secretaries of State (BERR & CLG)). The proposal from the Yorkshire & Humber region is that where SLB and YFB are unable to reach agreement, an appropriate advisory group (see below) will be tasked to provide a way forward, if agreement still cannot be reached after this the submission to Ministers would set out both sets of arguments with supporting evidence.

### **3.4 Regional Advisory Boards**

It is proposed that a small number of thematic advisory boards are commissioned by SLB/YFB to input into the development of the IRS and ensure effective delivery by monitoring and reviewing the IRS.

Four thematic advisory boards are proposed

- ***Spatial Planning*** - Chaired by Local Government, deputy Chair nominated by YFB;
- ***Regeneration and Housing*** - Chaired by Local Government, deputy Chair nominated by YFB, this Board will also have a direct role in advising the Homes and Communities Agency;
- ***Work and Skills*** - Chair nominated by YFB, deputy chair Local Government. This Board will replace the current Regional Skills Board and have a direct role in advising the LSC (and its successor agencies);
- ***Transport*** - Chair nominated by YFB, deputy chair Local Government.

The Chair and Deputy Chair for each advisory board will decide the membership of that Board; but membership will include representation from the functional sub regions, expert observers, key agencies and stakeholders.

In addition to the four thematic advisory boards, an Independent Board to ensure that the principles of sustainable development and economic opportunity for all are embedded in the development and delivery of the IRS is proposed.

### **3.5      Transitional Arrangements post SNR**

It should be stressed that the outline above is a proposal from the Region at this stage, Government have not yet responded following the consultation period, a formal response is expected, probably at the end of September linked to the close of a separate consultation period on the call for evidence from the BERR select committee into the role of RDAs.

Despite this 'gap' in terms of progressing the approach outlined above there is a strong desire within the region to make progress as soon as possible, as a first step Local Government Yorkshire and Humber have put in place changes to current leadership arrangements. It was agreed that LGYH Executive Board should be reviewed and become the new Leaders Board and that representation on this Board should be two Leader representatives from each functional sub-region ( reflecting the proposals above). The LGYH Leaders board held its first meeting on 4 September and its first joint meeting with the YFB members is due in October or November 2008. From Leeds City Region Cllr Robert Light ( Kirklees) and Cllr Andrew Carter ( Leeds) are the Leader representatives on the Strategic Leaders Board.

In terms of working on practical arrangements at a regional level, the greatest implications for change will be on Regional Assemblies, work is being undertaken to prioritise their work and to begin to consider the implications of SNR changes on their activity, on their staffing and the work of the current regional boards. Very significant delivery commitments will need to continue during this transitional period, particularly in respect of the Regional Spatial Strategy (The Yorkshire and Humber Plan ) which is being updated over the next year to look at housing growth in the Region it is intended to submit the update to Government in July 2009 .

### **4.0      Leeds City Region Leaders Board**

As noted above Leeds City Region ( LCR) is one of the functional sub regions within Yorkshire and Humber. Having established an informal partnership in 2004, the Leeds City Region Leaders board was established as a Joint Committee in April 2007, the first city region nationally to have adopted a formal governance structure of this kind. Leeds is the support services authority and provides the key secretariat staffing support. The key city region priorities have been identified in the Leeds City Region Development Programme which was launched at Westminster in the autumn of 2006. A new 2008/9 Agenda document will be available shortly which identifies the range of current LCR priorities.

A number of thematic panels ( which are not themselves sub committees) report to the board. Board meetings are held in public and papers of the LCR are available on line ( see below for web links). A business leadership group is also in place providing private sector input to the partnership.

In terms of current priorities and actions, Leeds City Region was one of seven sub regional groupings to agree a multi area agreement with Government in June 2008 with transport and skills as the key elements. Leaders board has initiated a review of transport governance arrangements in Leeds City Region in response to the Local Transport Bill and the proposed creation of integrated transport authorities. Important work is currently being undertaken on housing growth issues. As noted above in the discussion on the regional picture, functional sub regions including LCR, will be expected to provide significant input to the RFA advice process currently in progress and the new IRS

## **5.0      Homes and Communities Agency**

Finally, in addition to the arrangements noted above it is worth being aware of the creation of a new body which will have a regional presence. The Northern Way Homes and Communities Agency will bring together housing and regeneration into one national agency. It will combine English Partnerships, the investment programme of the Housing Corporation, the Academy for Sustainable Communities ( based in Leeds) and key housing and regeneration programmes, currently delivered by Communities and Local Government ( Thames Gateway Delivery, Housing Market Renewal, Decent Homes and Mixed Communities and the Places for Change Programmes). This new organisation formally comes into existence in December 2008.

With over 900 staff and an annual budget of around £5 billion, the HCA will be the country's single, national housing and regeneration agency. It will be responsible for meeting national targets for growth, renewal and affordable housing in a sustainable way that corresponds to the needs of local areas. The expressed intention is that its strong regional presence and flexible investment approach will mean that the HCA will "operate as a national organisation that delivers locally".

A key strength will be its ability to have a single conversation with local authorities and other partners to agree shared housing growth and regeneration needs. The Regional Director for Yorkshire and Humber has recently been appointed, David Curtis who is currently Director of Development for Sheffield City Council.

## **Background Papers**

Government's Subnational 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](http://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](http://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](http://www.yhassembly.gov.uk)

Leeds City Region [www.leeds.gov.uk/leedscityregion](http://www.leeds.gov.uk/leedscityregion)

[www.leeds.gov.uk/leedscityregion/lcrfiles.html](http://www.leeds.gov.uk/leedscityregion/lcrfiles.html)

[www.berr.gov.uk](http://www.berr.gov.uk)

[www.communities.gov.uk](http://www.communities.gov.uk)

[www.lqyh.gov.uk](http://www.lqyh.gov.uk)

Leeds City Region multi-area agreement

## **Appendices**

### **Appendix 1**

#### **Current Scrutiny Arrangements**

##### **Regionally**

At a regional level Yorkshire and Humber Assembly operates an independent Scrutiny Board, as part of its statutory responsibility to scrutinise collective delivery of the Regional Economic Strategy, led by Yorkshire Forward. A standing panel of eight full Assembly members forms the board. Two formal scrutiny reviews are undertaken each year. The most recent scrutiny reports have been on Rural Economy, Employment and Innovation. The latest study on Climate Change – looking at how the Yorkshire and Humber region and Yorkshire Forward in particular, is addressing climate change is due for publication shortly.

Cllr Cleasby is a newly appointed member of the scrutiny board. In 2008/9 the next scrutiny inquiry will be on the issue of Investment Planning.

Developing a new arrangement for regional scrutiny will be an important element of post SNR arrangements, there are no proposals yet developed on how this will operate, whether it will be a function delivered via LGYH or through an independent body ( given the role of both YF board and local authority leaders in developing the IRS) . YHA is currently undertaking a review of its existing scrutiny arrangements which will be consulted on shortly with local authorities. LGYH will be working with the Centre for Public Scrutiny to consider the issue from a local government perspective.

##### **Nationally**

The Modernisation of the House of Commons Select Committee has recently published findings into regional accountability.

The enquiry considered the nature of the accountability ‘gap’ at a regional level and how Parliamentary scrutiny could best be implemented. It concluded that *‘many of the activities in regions are not subject to regular, robust scrutiny.’*

Their conclusions were that the most effective means of strengthening regional accountability was to establish a system of regional select committees with up to 10 MPs in each, one for each of the English regions ( with the exception of London). There was also a recommendation for the establishment of two regional grand committee meetings per year in each region to take the form of a general debate and questions to the relevant regional minister. They proposed that a large proportion of meetings should take place outside Westminster. The committee recommended to Government that these proposals should be implemented initially on a temporary basis until the end of the present parliament. The Committee did not comment on ‘local’ scrutiny arrangements which might be applied within regions – referring that issue to other Departments including Communities and Local Government for consideration .

Government has yet to respond to the recommendations of the select committee.

##### **Leeds City Region**

Leeds City Region Leaders Board considered the issue of scrutiny arrangements at their meeting on April 7 2008. Each Local Authority Scrutiny Committee has the right under the Local Government Act (1972, 2000), to hold their respective Leader to account for decisions made at the City Region Leaders’ Board. There is no legal requirement for a Joint Committee to develop further scrutiny requirements, nor are there any legal barriers to any such arrangements being developed.

As part of its discussion around possible future scrutiny arrangements Leaders considered the following options in some detail:

- **Option 1** - Maintain current arrangements – through their existing scrutiny functions, each authority holds their Leader to account for decisions made at Leaders Board.

- **Option 2** – Current arrangements with a partnership approach. Under this model the locally determined arrangements would continue but a Protocol / Memorandum of Understanding would be developed between the member authorities so that each was aware of any proposals to conduct scrutiny in another authority and discussions could take place to ensure a collaborative approach which would avoid or reduce duplication of scrutiny. Consideration could be given to making each authority a 'lead authority' for a particular area of scrutiny and/or ad hoc joint arrangements could be entered into for particular matters to be the subject of scrutiny.
- **Option 3** - Establish a joint scrutiny committee of 11 non executive councillors (one from each local authority)
- **Option 4** - Establish a larger joint committee on a proportionality basis
- **Option 5** - Establish a smaller joint committee with delegated authority to act on behalf of all 11 councils

The full report is available at [www.leeds.gov.uk/leedscityregion/lcrfiles.html](http://www.leeds.gov.uk/leedscityregion/lcrfiles.html)

Leaders board agreed to option 1, but for this to be reviewed in 12 months time, bearing in mind the evolving nature of Leeds City Region activity.

## **Appendix 2**

### **Glossary and Web links**

**BERR** – Department for Business Enterprise and Regulatory Reform, the responsible department for RDAs. [www.berr.gov.uk](http://www.berr.gov.uk)

**CLG** – Communities and Local Government [www.communities.gov.uk](http://www.communities.gov.uk)

**GOYH** – Government Office for Yorkshire and the Humber. [www.gos.gov.uk/goyh](http://www.gos.gov.uk/goyh)

**HCA** - Homes and Communities agency. A new body combining English Partnerships, the investment programme of the Housing Corporation, the Academy for Sustainable Communities and key housing and regeneration programmes, currently delivered by Communities and Local Government. The agency is not yet operational.

**IRS** – Integrated Regional Strategy, an SNR proposal which will see an integration of current regional strategies into one.

**ITA** – Integrated Transport Authority. A proposal in the Local Transport Bill to replace Passenger Transport Authorities.

**LCR** - Leeds City Region, the functional economic sub region. Leadership is provided by leaders of eleven member local authorities . For meetings and a copy of the City Region Development Programme see [www.leeds.gov.uk/leedscityregion](http://www.leeds.gov.uk/leedscityregion)

**LGYH** - Local Government Yorkshire and Humber, the regional partnership of local authorities. [www.lgyh.gov.uk](http://www.lgyh.gov.uk)

**SNR** - Subnational Review of Economic Development and Regeneration.  
See Community and Local Government website [www.communities.gov.uk](http://www.communities.gov.uk)

**MAA** - multi-area agreements

**RFA** - regional funding allocations.

**YF** – Yorkshire Forward the regional development agency [www.yorkshire-forward.com](http://www.yorkshire-forward.com)

**YFB** – Yorkshire Forward Board

**YHA** – Yorkshire and Humber Assembly. [www.yhassembly.gov.uk](http://www.yhassembly.gov.uk)

## Appendix 3

### Summary of Leeds / city region representation on regional boards 2008/9

Board	Leeds City Region representative	W Yorks representative	Chair of Board	Deputy
YHA Regional Executive Board	<b>Cllr Andrew Carter</b> ( Deputy - Cllr McAllister – Calderdale)	Cllr. Robert Light ( Kirklees)	Cllr. Peter Box ( Wakefield)	Paul Jagger – ( South Yorkshire LSC – SEE partner)
YHA Regional Transport Board	<b>Cllr Andrew Carter</b> ( Deputy Cllr Galloway – York)	Cllr. Anne Hawkesworth ( Bradford)	Cllr Mark Kirk	
YHA Regional Planning Board	Cllr Hawkesworth ( Bradford) Deputy Cllr Mackenzie Harrogate)	<b>Cllr. Barry Anderson</b>	Cllr Peter Box ( Wakefield)	Cate Hammond (SEE partner)
YHA Regional Housing Board	Cllr Waller ( York) ( deputy Cllr Mark Crane, Selby)	Cllr. Liz Smaje (Kirklees) on behalf of WYHP)	Cllr Hopkins ( Bradford)	Patricia Farrell ( SEE partner)
YHA Sustainable Development Board	No City Region representative	Cllr. Ken Sims (Kirklees)	Cllr Arthur Barker ( Hambleton)	Naheed Arshad Mather
LGYH Leaders Board	<b>Cllr Andrew Carter</b>	Cllr Robert Light ( Kirklees)	Cllr Barker ( Hambleton)	Cllr Roger Stone ( Rotherham)

YHA Scrutiny Board – members do not sit on this board as representatives of an authority or group of authorities, but in their own right. The 2008/9 board includes Cllr Brian Cleasby ( Leeds) .