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**Welcome to Yorkshire Board Meeting – Thursday 17th September 2020 at 6pm
Zoom Meeting**

WTY Board Meeting

Present:

Jas Athwal DL (JA) – Deputy Chair
Dan Bates (DB)
Peter Box CBE (PB) – Chair
Nicky Chance-Thompson (NCT)
Richard Flint (RF)
Ros Jones (RJ)
Carl Les (CL)
James Mason (JM)- Chief Executive
Abbie Ollive (AO)

Apologies:

Jacqui Gedman (JG) – Observer to the Board
Sarah Tahamtani (ST)

In Attendance:

Tina Cooper (TC)

1. Welcome and Apologies.

PB welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted apologies from JG.

2. Declarations of Interest

With regards to the WTY loan CL declared he is the Leader of NYCC and a member of the North and West Yorkshire Business Rates Pool Committee.

3. Minutes from last meeting and matters arising

Minutes were proposed as a true record of the board meeting on the 31 July 2020.

4. Chair's Update

PB welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted apologies from JG.

PB highlighted the current media interest in Welcome to Yorkshire and funding from the public sector.

He reminded the Board that item 7 - Finance would be discussed in private for reasons of confidentiality and commercial sensitivity.

Board members received a pack containing financial information in advance of this meeting.

Standing items and reports

5. Chief Executive update

The Board noted a report from the Chief Executive. (Copy attached)

6. Governance

The Board agreed to consider the Governance Review report and recommendations at the Strategic Planning meeting in November.

Decision: To allocate time to consider the governance review report in full in order to allow time for discussion and decision making.

Action: To confirm date and time for Strategic Planning meeting and include Governance Review on the agenda.

7. Finance – Confidential Item

The Board discussed in detail the report on the current financial situation and Business Plan update.

Decision: The Board agreed that Audit Committee will monitor and over see progress on the Business Plan and report to the Board.

Action: Audit Committee to receive update reports, meet in advance of Board meetings and provide summary reports to Board.

Decision: The Board requested a report on the current status of local authority funding.

Action: Discussions with local authorities about a future funding model and changes to subscriptions are prioritised

8. Health and safety

The Board noted a staff update report from the Chief Executive.

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9. AOB

The Board agreed that the strategic planning session in November will be a Teams meeting in line with current COVID-19 guidance.

10. Date of next meeting – Thursday 29th October 2020