

YORKSHIRE PURCHASING ORGANISATION MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Wednesday 18th September 2019

Present:

Barnsley
Councillor Barnard

Bolton
Councillor Haslam

City of Bradford
Councillor Warburton
Councillor Whiteley

Calderdale
Councillor Barnes

Doncaster
Councillor Nightingale
Councillor Cole

Kirklees
Councillor Turner

Knowsley
Councillor Walsh

North Yorkshire CC
Councillor Mackenzie
Councillor Dadd

Rotherham MBC
Councillor Atkin
Councillor Wyatt

St Helens MBC
Councillor Bond

Wakefield MDC
Councillor Shaw

Wigan MBC
Councillor Walker

City of York
Councillor Daubeney

89:	Apologies for Absence
	Apologies for absence submitted prior to the meeting were accepted on behalf of Councillors Gardiner (Barnsley), Wild (Bolton), Butt (Kirklees), Williams (Wakefield), Sweeney (Wigan) and Pavlovic (York).
90:	Minutes of the Management Committee 21st June 2019
	Resolved – (1) That the Minutes of the meeting of the YPO Management Committee held on 21 st June 2019 be accepted as a correct record.
91:	Urgent Items
	No urgent items were discussed.
92:	Members Declaration of Interest
	No Member Declarations were made.
93:	Lead Authority Issues
	No lead authority issues were discussed.
94:	Exclusion of the Public & Press
	Resolved - <i>That the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of Agenda Item 7 on the grounds that they were likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information as described in Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, as amended.</i>
95:	IN PRIVATE
96:	YPO Strategy Paper - (Exempt Paragraph 3)
	Members considered the report of the Managing Director which provided Members with details of a strategic opportunity that has been offered for YPO to acquire Findel Education. Rob McWilliam, Independent Director, shared that there is a clear vision for the project. Whilst there is a reference in the background section on the report to YPO's loss of the dominant position due to the merger of two competitors, the rationale for this is the public sector ethos, delivering lower prices to customers and dividends back to members. Resolved – (1) Agree to authorise submission of a non-binding indicative bid for Findel Education. (2) Agree to delegate to the YPO Board, with the agreement of the Section 151 and Monitoring Officer, authority to negotiate within the range proposed by PWC, with any final sale agreement subject to due diligence, individual member approval processes and full Management Committee agreement.

	<p>(3) Agree that the Lead Authority should continue to investigate and take advice on the preferred legal structure for the proposed acquisition.</p> <p>(4) Agree that officers should consult within their own authority and advise their individual proposals for participation in the required loan to achieve the acquisition.</p>
97:	DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING Resolved – That the next meeting of the YPO Management Committee will be held on 29 th November 2019 at Cedar Court in Huddersfield.