

**Date: 30 January 2007**

**Report: MEMBER FEEDBACK**

Appended to this report is a report from the following member who has represented the Authority:

**Appendix** – Jerry Pearlman who represented the Authority at a meeting of the Association of North Yorkshire Councils at Selby on 13 November 2006.

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Background documents: None

15 January 2007



**ASSOCIATION OF NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCILS**

**Selby 13 November 2006**

We are only observers here but it must be important because it is attended by Chief Executives as well as members!

I think that I commented last time that it is of particular value in that our position in the County can be seen in a more wide ranging context than we sometimes realise.

However it makes me realise that in the wider context we are seen as minor players and do not attract much comment or interest. This was demonstrated by the presentation by Government Office representatives on the recent Local Government White Paper. I attach the PowerPoint summary of one such presentation. There is no mention of National Parks. So I asked... The answer was that we are seen as partners i.e. not members of Local Government. I felt that it would not have been useful to respond that if that is how we are seen then we must be considered to be junior partners.

JJP