

# ADULTS STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

Meeting of 7 March 2011

## KEY MESSAGES

### County Council budget for 2011/12

The Partnership received an update on the County Council budget for 2011/12. At its meeting on 16 February the County Council agreed proposals including no increase in the level of Council Tax, and a commitment to make £37m savings in 2011/12. Because of the severe front-loading of the grant reductions, the Council has been unable to identify sufficient recurring savings to balance the Budget in 2011/12 and has therefore agreed that it will temporarily use reserve funding to fill the gap while further savings are identified, and will consider a further package of savings measures in May 2011.

Service directorates are continuing to identify ways to make savings and approximately £20m savings will need to be made in the adult social care budget. Derek Law will continue to keep the partnership involved as decisions are taken.

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### Performance Reward Grant

All bids submitted by the ASP have been endorsed in full by the NYSP Executive. Bids were agreed for an innovation fund to facilitate the transformation of voluntary services and initiatives for older and vulnerable adults, strengthening of the safeguarding and quality assurance processes, and funding for secretariat support of countywide boards for Older People Partnership and Physical and Sensory Impairment Partnership.

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### Update on Changes with the NHS

The partnership received an update on progress in setting up GP consortia groups and an indication of what form the new structure, including the proposed Health and Wellbeing Board, is likely to take. Work is still at a very early stage. The Council is working with GP groups and offering support, and there is work to be done to understand how commissioning and joint commissioning responsibilities will be transferred across to consortia.

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### Older People Partnership Board

The Partnership received an update from the Older People's Partnership Board, including work priorities for 2011-12, including a reminder of the recommendation for partner organisations to sign up to the Older People's Charter, as presented at the ASP meeting on 20 December. The OPP Board now has its own pages on the NYSP website where information and minutes of past meetings can be downloaded.

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### Physical and Sensory Impairment Board

The Partnership received an update from the Physical and Sensory Impairment Board on current issues and work priorities. The PSI Board now has its own pages on the NYSP website where information and minutes of past meetings can be downloaded.

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## **Future of Adults Strategic Partnership**

The Partnership discussed the future of the ASP in light of the changing partnership structure and the announcement that the NYSP Executive will be 'scrapped' and replaced by a North Yorkshire and York Chief Executives Group which will provide leadership and organisation across the sub-region. A final meeting of the thematic partnership chairs will take place in mid-May and Derek Law will report back to the ASP and provide further information on future partnership arrangements

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