

York and North Yorkshire Rural Partnership

Tuesday 23rd February 2010

Refresh of SCS and LAA priorities

1.0 Background

- 1.1 A small task and finish group consisting of Janet Waggott, Bob Curry, Rachel Bowles and Jennefer Cornforth met to consider the relevance of the priorities of existing Sustainable Community Strategy and targets for possible inclusion in the next Local Area Agreement (2011–14).
- 1.2 It was agreed at the last meeting of the Rural Partnership that the conclusions of the task and finish group be presented at this meeting for discussion in order for a formal response is made to the NYSP by the end of March 2010.

2.0 Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS)

- 2.1 It was agreed to keep all ten of the existing SCS priorities as it was felt that all were still relevant to North Yorkshire and were mirrored in the priorities identified in the Comprehensive Area Assessment evaluation for North Yorkshire 2009.
- 2.2 As discussion progressed some thought was given to the lack of resources and funding expected in the coming years and that it may be that North Yorkshire chooses fewer priorities to concentrate resources on in order to make a difference.

2.3 Table 1 Summary of decisions/discussions

Priority	Discussion threads
Access to services and public transport	Transport both public and community important to North Yorkshire. Impact of concessionary fares on public transport. Rural transport key to access to services
Affordable housing	Still a priority area
Alcohol	Possible sub set of Health and Wellbeing or Community Safety. Drugs and alcohol currently funded separately would benefit from joint/community work.
Children and young people	
Community cohesion	Possible combination with community safety
Community safety	North Yorkshire has 2nd lowest crime rates in England and if resources are few it could be argued that funds be diverted to other areas where performance compares poorly nationally
Economy and enterprise	The Voluntary sector has a key role that is often ignored. Important to include culture and transport infrastructure. Importance of Culture and Tourism.
Environment	
Health and wellbeing	
Older People	Possible change of heading to vulnerable people which includes all age groups. Recognition of aging population.

3.0 Local Area Agreement

3.1 Discussion focused on the continued priority of existing targets before moving to proposals for new targets for inclusion.

3.2 Table 2 LAA – Targets proposed for inclusion

	Existing Target	TLO	Keep	Change	Rationale/discussion threads	CAA states
NI 1	The percentage of people who believe people from different backgrounds get on well together in their local area.	Sue Seddon, Hambleton District Council	yes	n/a	Important indicators of Stronger Communities	Although the county is not ethnically diverse changes have happened in recent years that have altered many communities. and Migrant workers from Eastern Europe have become more common and have had significant impacts on some communities.
NI 3	Civic Participation in the local area.	Sue Seddon, Hambleton District Council	yes	n/a		
NI 6	Participation in regular volunteering	NYFVO		Yes - local target L63	Currently local target – consider moving to designated target	Increasing volunteering is a key ambition for the area
NI 155	Number of Affordable Homes Delivered (gross) Measurement – local count	Colin Dales, Richmondshire District Council		Yes – currently local target L72	Priority area - currently local target – consider moving to designated target	House prices are high ...leading to a significant lack of affordable housing. The lack of supply is compounded by the low wages seen in many areas of the county
NI 159	The total number of net additional dwellings that are deliverable as a percentage of the planned housing provision (in net additional dwellings) for the 5 year period.	Mick Jewitt , Hambleton District Council	Cautious yes		Clearer explanation of what is a dwelling, as not counting voluntary sector provision. GOYH pushed this target last LAA as part	

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	Measurement – local count				of the national affordable housing drive.	
NI 175	Access to services and facilities by public transport, walking or cycling	John Laking, NYCC	Yes or swap with NI 176		<p>Consult John Laking - importance of community transport/ issue of concessionary fares – deliverability. Hospital transport to be considered. Current target definition To increase the number of inaccessible parishes which have access to community transport journey opportunities, and to achieve higher patronage</p> <p>NI 176 “ Working age people with access to employment by public transport (and other specified modes”</p>	The County is a Centre of Excellence for local transport delivery and work is continuing to improve bus, rail and road travel and community transport. This is giving people in rural areas better access to the services they need and want but there are still challenges which threaten the sustainability of some of the more remote communities. “ and “ communities in the area are dispersed and transport is often difficult”
NI 185	CO2 reduction (tonnes) from local authority operations (incl schools).	Michael Graham, North York Moors National Park	Yes		The definition of this target may change when the National Indicator set is reviewed however want to keep in a commitment to carbon	

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					reduction by local authorities.	
NI 186	Per capita reduction in CO2 emissions in the LA area (tonnes of CO2)	Hannah King , NYCC	Yes		Commitment to environmental targets	
NI 187 ***New	Tackling Fuel Poverty – people receiving income based benefits living in homes with a low energy efficiency rating.	Existing fuel poverty group chaired by Janet Flannigan, PCT			Investigate further as a local target. This target benefits CO2 emissions/benefits advice/health and well being. As a local target decisions can be made about priority areas under the heading of fuel poverty.	Partners are taking action to reduce their areas' carbon footprint. But the nature of many properties makes it impossible to use cavity insulation. The high price of bottled gas and heating oil means fuel poverty is a significant issue for many in the area
NI 188 ***New	Adapting to Climate Change				Commitment to environmental targets	
NI 189	Percentage of agreed actions to implement long term flood and coastal erosion risk management plans that are being undertaken satisfactorily.	Robin Myshrall, NYCC		possible	Look at further – this target about process – if processes achieved not to be included in next LAA.	Flooding has had a major impact on the County in recent years.

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NI 191 *** New	Residual household waste per head	WPEG			Possible replacement for NI 192 Percentage of household waste sent for reuse, recycling and composting. WPEG to investigate further in terms of projections and modelling.	North Yorkshire people produce more household waster than in similar areas
NI 193	Percentage of municipal waste land filled. Measurement – local count	Kerry Green, NYCC	Keep			
NI 197	Proportion of Local Sites where positive conservation management has been or is being implemented. Measurement – local count	Julia Casterton, NYCC	Keep			
L65	Environment for a Thriving Third Sector (NI 7in National Indicator Set	Bob Curry, NYFVO	Keep as local			

3.3 Table 3 Targets proposed for removal

	Existing Target	TLO	Keep	Change	Rationale
NI 192	Percentage of household waste sent for reuse, recycling and composting. Measurement – local count	Kerry Green, NYCC		yes	Remove (at request of Waste Partnership)
L8	Prevent homelessness through advice and pro-active intervention (Number of households where homelessness has been prevented via Local Authority intervention). Measurement – local count	Andrew Rowe, Scarborough Borough Council		Remove	Has been successful in meeting target to date.
L41	The percentage of the population of North Yorkshire living within five miles of a Joint Access Centre, as measured by 2001 Census data and latest mid-year population estimates.	Tom Jenkinson , NYCC		Remove	Carry over reward indicator from LAA1
L56	Volunteering by people who are BME/Unemployed/Disabled Measurement – local count	Bob Curry, NYFVO		Remove	Carry over reward indicator from LAA1 If this is important to CYP/ACS and the personalisation agenda will discuss.
L57	Volunteering in Special Volunteering Measurement – local count	Bob Curry, NYFVO		remove	Carry over reward indicator from LAA1

4.0 Recommendations

4.1 That the Partnership

- a) Agree the decisions as proposed above to be forwarded to the NYSP.

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