

ADULT STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP (ASP) and HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES THEMATIC PARTNERSHIP (HCTP)

Joint Meeting of 30 January 2007

KEY MESSAGES

As a matter arising from the last joint meeting of the group on 6 December 2006 Neil Revely reiterated his request for multi-agency funding to support new Physical and Sensory Impairment Reference Groups which will provide a vehicle for consultation and involvement in North Yorkshire. Some organisations had not yet had the opportunity to discuss their participation and funding. However, for the purposes of this meeting the group agreed in principle that statutory agencies within North Yorkshire would contribute an amount towards the creation of the Reference Groups. Neil Revely will now contact each of the organisations to discuss the logistics of arranging the funding.

The group agreed to meet as one group as a more permanent arrangement, to be kept under review. As part of his remit as Director of Adult Social Services (DASS), Derek Law is required to operate a partnership group for Vulnerable Adults. Therefore the decision was taken that one group will continue to meet. This will consist of all members of the current Healthier Communities and Adult Strategic Partnerships. Agenda items of common interest will be discussed as a discrete part of the meeting. Items specific to the Vulnerable Adults members only will be discussed once other members have left the meeting.

The group was updated on progress on the LAA Outcomes. This discussion mainly focused on the stretch targets. These are still being negotiated with Government Office of Yorkshire and the Humber (GOYH) but are now close to being finalised before submission to the Government.

It will be necessary to collect performance data to monitor whether LAA outcomes are being achieved. The group discussed the possibility of using data from private providers to "count" towards the achievement of outcomes if the private providers are carrying out the same, or a similar function to the one being measured. For example, Martin Connor explained that a private provider of leisure facilities has just set up a gym in the Selby area. The private provider, by offering competitive rates, is taking business away from Council-operated leisure facilities. However, overall, the number of people taking up physical activity has probably risen as a result of the new facility.

With regard to the HCTP stretch target of increasing physical activity amongst people in the County, it would be a huge boost to figures if it were possible to count the private providers' figures in addition to the District Council figures. Martin Connor offered to investigate with private providers in the Selby area whether this would be possible. The group was in general agreement and noted that the issue of using data from private providers could also be applied to other LAA outcomes.

The group reviewed outstanding work to be done on the LAA. Mike Gibson reported that there is currently major work being carried out on developing performance management arrangements, and at a meeting on 26 February 2007 all LAA Outcome Leads will attend a meeting to develop a County-wide method of reporting on performance.

Another outstanding piece of work is to break down County-wide LAA targets to district level. Local Strategic Partnerships are seen as the vehicle for local delivery but work remains to be done on how this might work in practice.

The group agreed to rationalise its meeting cycle given that the intensive period of work on the Local Area Agreement is now almost complete, and the agreement that the two groups will continue to meet jointly in the future. It was therefore decided to hold meetings on a quarterly basis. Where possible, meetings will be held between the dates of Adult & Community Services own quarterly Performance Management meetings and full NYSP/LAA Monitoring Group meetings.

Sallyann Deans will arrange future meetings in due course.