

### Minutes of meeting held on 6 November 2007

#### 1. Apologies

Received from Ian Bitcon, Pammi Sahota, Salwa Podvorica, Sue Patterson

#### 2. Present

Julie Steel - North Yorkshire County Council  
David Walker- North Yorkshire County Council (Chair)  
Cathrine Hall - North Yorkshire County Council  
Nasr Emam - North Yorkshire County Council  
Mirosław Sobczak – Polish Community  
Liz White – Broadacres Housing Association  
Helen Murfin – Stokesley and District CCA/ Hambleton SP  
Chris Shield – North Yorkshire Forum for the Voluntary Sector  
Judith Bromfield – Richmondshire CVS & Chair of LSP  
Drew Fussey – Selby District Council

#### 3. David Walker welcomed everyone to the meeting and circulated copies of the following:

- Draft Statement of Intent
- Our Shared Future – Summary of the Report of the Commission on Integration and Cohesion
- Letter from Hazel Blears – re government response to the above report
- Draft workstreams for the two proposed active learning sets

#### 4. Draft Statement of Intent – David asked for observations on the draft to be returned to him within 2 weeks. C Hall advised that some comments had already been received by Kirstie O'Neill and she would forward revisions to David.

#### 5. Our Shared Future – David advised that although the full document was very large, he would recommend that if possible, members of the group should read it. He can forward it on request. He drew attention to

elements of the overview, including the new definition for cohesion and integration, the four key messages and the five council family groups.

In Hazel Blears response, there was the prospect of some improvement in the financial contribution to support this work and the promise of a toolkit in the Spring.

6. NY Improvement Partnership Learning Sets – Julie Steel explained to the group the proposals for the 2 groups of action learning for this area of work. She circulated outline proposals for the initial and second meetings of the action learning groups and provided a resume for one of the facilitators from the contracted organisation, OPM.

She now requires 10 nominations for each of the 2 groups from the partner organisations. One group will focus on operational issues (Welcome Pack, training modules for volunteers etc) and the other will develop the policy and strategic documents. The provisional dates for the initial meetings for both groups are 23 or 26 November. David agreed to circulate the workstreams to all group members.

**Nominations are therefore required to be sent to David ASAP ie within one week.**

Julie will arrange to hold the initial (half day) meetings at a venue in Harrogate.

7. Date and time of future meetings.

It was agreed that the next meetings would be held on

Tues 15 January 2008

Tues 18 March 2008

Tues 13 May 2008

All meetings will begin at 1pm with a light lunch provided.

8. AOB

- (i) David advised that the Chief Housing Officers Group was at its next meeting to receive a report from Jill Warner on options on spending a refunded amount of research funding amounting to £50k. She is supporting a recommendation that this be spent on research into migrant worker needs, particularly in relation to accommodation. If members of the group wish to lobby their representatives at the meeting in support of migrant worker needs they should appraise themselves of the documentation.
- (ii) Drew Fussey enquired about the questionnaire filled in by partners. C Hall advised that a report had been prepared and would be presented to the next full

meeting of the Equalities group, due to be held on 6 December.

- (iii) Judith Bromfield enquired whether any other action learning sets would involve migrant worker issues and Julie Steel advised that they did not.