

NYSP Equalities Task Group

Minutes of the meeting held on 2 December 2008

Present:

Neil Irving (Chair)	North Yorkshire County Council
Tony Clark	Richmondshire District Council
Bob Curry	North Yorkshire Forum for Voluntary Organisations
Stuart Pudney	North Yorkshire Police Authority
Graham Purdey	NHS North Yorkshire and York
Jez Rushworth	North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue
Stuart Pudney	North Yorkshire Police Authority
Kay Ritchie	North Yorkshire County Council
David Walker	North Yorkshire County Council
Tom Bryant	North Yorkshire County Council
Ann Duncan	Harrogate Borough Council
Jo Ireland	Scarborough Borough Council
James Walker	North Yorkshire Area Learning Partnership
David Young	Local Government Yorkshire and the Humber
Keith Watts	Harrogate Borough Council

Apologies:

Helen Black	North Yorkshire Forum for Voluntary Organisations
Alan Jenks	Harrogate Borough Council
Drew Fussey	Selby District Council
Guru Naidoo	Broadacres Housing Association
Rosie Qureshi	North Yorkshire Police
Kate Senior	Craven District Council
Harriet Steventon	Craven District Council
Colin Stroud	York CVS

Item	Notes	Actions
1. Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising	The minutes of the meeting held on 2 September 2008 were approved. KR referred to paragraph 7.1 of the minutes in relation to the NYSP Equalities Task Group web pages. Members were invited to submit suggested improvements and examples of good practice using the template provided to TB.	All to submit suggested improvements and examples of good practice.
2. Final report on the Strategic review on the impact of inward migration in North Yorkshire from the EU accession states	DW presented the final report which is available on the NYSP website. The next steps are to incorporate comments received during the consultation and to develop an action plan against each of the 7 themes identified in the review. Key partners will need to contribute to the development of this action plan. This task group will be responsible for monitoring implementation of the action plan although it is hoped that the NYSP Executive will take overall ownership. It will also be important to incorporate	KR/DW to update the review document. KR/DW to develop action plan with input from key

	<p>the findings from the accommodation review into this action plan in due course. SP circulated some myth buster publications and the group agreed that PR issues will need to be picked up in the action plan. The group agreed that this was an excellent piece of work and thanks were offered to all involved.</p>	<p>partners - SP/GP/TC volunteered to provide input into this work</p>
<p>3. Final report on the development of the North Yorkshire Welcome Pack</p>	<p>KR presented the report. It was stressed that the welcome pack will always be in development as services and the needs of the community change. Feedback during the live test period has highlighted that the information must be correct or the pack will not be used. Partners are also asked to bear in mind that there are cost savings when translating a larger number of words. Feedback on the welcome pack should be submitted to TB. There will be a role for this group in monitoring usage of the welcome pack.</p> <p>The communications tool kit will be amended to emphasise that the welcome pack has been developed in response to inward migration. A NYSP press release will be issued shortly. The group will be notified of the date and are then encouraged to issue a press release on behalf of their organisation. Partners are also encouraged to promote the welcome pack in newsletters, publications etc.</p> <p>The group suggested that we should promote the welcome pack to the private sector and also make it available to people considering migrating to the UK to help them make an informed decision.</p>	<p>All to submit any feedback on the pack</p> <p>KR to release NYSP press release and circulate details to the group.</p> <p>All to promote the welcome pack.</p>
<p>4. Development of a statement on community cohesion by the ANYC</p>	<p>LGYH have been tasked with producing a regional statement on community cohesion. As part of this there will need to be a North Yorkshire statement of intent (based on the statement developed for West Yorkshire) and short statements on the community cohesion issues for North Yorkshire including HM Forces, second homes, students and travellers. It was suggested that the issues statement could be structured around the equality strands. A working group consisting of NI, TB, SP and TC will meet with David Young and produce a draft document for circulation to the group.</p>	<p>NI to arrange a meeting of the working group.</p>
<p>5. Migration fund</p>	<p>NI informed the group that the Home Office has announced a new migration fund (title to be confirmed) generated from additional charges on immigration. The fund is intended to support local projects that address the issues raised by migration. At this stage it is not clear what if any funding may be available to NY.</p>	

<p>6. Future focus of the Equalities Task Group</p>	<p>KR circulated a paper showing the priorities identified by the group (paper attached). The group agreed that the immediate focus for the group should be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - monitoring of the action plan - monitoring of the welcome pack - community cohesion statement - community engagement (linking to the work of the existing NYSP task group) - tension monitoring - impact of the credit crunch <p>It was agreed that these priorities need to be flexible. JR agreed to give an update on North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service's experience of the Equality Standard for Local Government Level 3 Assessment at the next meeting. It was also suggested that it would be useful to include short updates on the other priorities at future meetings to give the group a better understanding of the issues.</p>	<p>NI/TB to develop forward work plan for the group.</p>
<p>7. Dates of future meetings in 2009 (all 10.30 am – 12.30 pm)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 10 March 2009 - 9 June 2009 - 8 September 2009 - 15 December 2009 	