

North Yorkshire Strategic Partnership - Executive

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Working together with communities: a community engagement and neighbourhood management framework for North Yorkshire – report of the Implementation Group

1 Purpose of report

- 1.1 To update the NYSP Executive on the implementation of “Working together with communities – a community engagement and neighbourhood management framework for North Yorkshire.”

2 Background

- 2.1 At the April 2009 meeting of the NYSP Executive it was agreed that the Implementation Group would report back at six-monthly intervals on progress in implementing the Framework.

3 Progress since last report

- 3.1 Best practice sharing workshop.

A joint workshop was held on 9 September 2010. The intention of the workshop was to bring together representatives of partner organisations who are involved in community engagement and neighbourhood management, particularly in relation to local joint engagement structures. Best practice was shared in relation to how the principles of the framework are being put into practice. This included success stories, current developments or learning points, for example partnership resources, and different approaches to running area forums or their equivalent.

Group work identified good practice examples, gaps and improvement ideas for principles and standards set out in the Framework, with reference to the current environment of fewer resources and ensuring that engagement in relation to public sector cuts is carried out in a joined up way.

The delegate pack with feedback from the workshop is available to download from the NYSP website at

www.nysp.org.uk/html/community-engagement-and-neighbourhood-management

- 3.2 At the last meeting of the Implementation Group it was agreed that the group did not need to meet again because the initial implementation has been completed and it is now the responsibility of partner organisations and partnerships to ensure their compliance with the Framework as part of normal day to day business.

Necessary work to maintain the joint resources which underpin the Framework, such as the engagement database, community of practice and local information system, will continue to be led by NYCC.

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Partner organisations will continue to co-operate in relation to shared community engagement structures such as area forums, and cost-effective ideas for working more closely together, for example those identified at the above workshop, will be progressed through existing networks.

- 3.3 It is suggested therefore that the six-monthly reports to the Executive be discontinued and replaced with exception reporting when this is felt to be necessary.

4 Recommendations

- 4.1 That the Executive note progress on implementation of the Framework and agree exception reporting in the future.

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