

North Yorkshire Strategic Partnership – Executive Key Messages from the meeting on 10 February 2011

The **NYSP Executive** met on 10th February 2011 at Athena House, York.

The Executive discussed the changing partnership landscape in the sub-region and how this will affect the NYSP. The **York and North Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP)** was formally recognised by central government on 10th February. Local Government North Yorkshire and York (LGNYY) also met on 28th January and considered how **sub-regional partnership arrangements** may be rationalised going forward. They agreed four principles for a new approach to partnerships:

- the minimum number and simplest of partnership structures, consistent with delivering the required outcomes and statutory requirements;
- a North Yorkshire and York approach to county/sub-regional partnership structures as far as possible;
- local partnerships, including shared community engagement arrangements, at the most appropriate local level; and
- the use of task and finish groups to deal with particular issues, rather than standing thematic partnerships or sub-groups.

A paper was tabled providing more details of the LGNYY discussions and a proposed transition plan for change. Key proposals of the transition plan as agreed by the NYSP Executive included:

- the NYSP Executive will be scrapped and replaced by a North Yorkshire and York Chief Executives Group, with similar membership and to include the Chief Executive of City of York Council.
- the new Chief Executives Group and LGNYY will provide leadership and co-ordination across the new sub-regional structures.
- once transition arrangements are in place for the new North Yorkshire Health and Wellbeing Board, the NYSP Adults and Healthier Thematic Partnerships will be reviewed.
- the NYSP Stronger/Rural Partnership will wind up in the second quarter of 2011.

Essential continuing issues such as Performance Reward Grant monitoring and the development of the Sustainable Community Strategy will need to be factored into the new arrangements. For further details of the LGNYY discussions and transition plan go to <http://www.nysp.org.uk/html/nysp/executive/papers-and-minutes/> – see Item 4.

The Thematic Partnerships Chairs met in January 2011 and discussed potential priorities for a **revised Sustainable Community Strategy for North Yorkshire**. Three priorities were proposed to, and agreed by, the NYSP Executive, which are:

- protecting and supporting vulnerable people
- supporting economic growth and employment
- improving accessibility for all our communities.

It was agreed that a new, pared-down strategy will be developed in the next few months, based on these priorities. The priorities themselves will require input from partners to make them specific and meaningful in terms of intended outcomes. There will also be some element of stakeholder consultation. It is anticipated that the strategy would not be finalised until the autumn and will be delivered by the new sub-regional partnership structure.

Performance Reward Grant (PRG) – final bids were brought forward by the Adults, Children’s, Healthier, Safer and Stronger/Rural Thematic Partnerships for use of their allocation of the PRG monies. All proposed bids were endorsed in principle by the NYSP Executive but further work will need to be done by some of the Thematic Partnerships to resolve and finalise some of the allocations to individual projects. A summary of the bids can be found on the NYSP website at <http://www.nysp.org.uk/html/nysp/executive/papers-and-minutes/> (see Item 6).

Members considered a report on the 2010 **Wider Partnership conference** and how future communication with and engagement of partners within this grouping might continue. The conference has proven to be a good forum for networking but given the costs the format should be reviewed. There will continue to be a need, however, to engage with a range of partners on issues such as the development of a new Sustainable Community Strategy. It was agreed that further consideration will need to be given to this issue in the next few months.

A six-monthly update report was taken on the implementation of “Working together with communities – a **community engagement and neighbourhood management framework** for North Yorkshire”. A best practice-sharing workshop was held on 9th September 2010 for partners to share ideas around applying the principles of the framework. Responsibility for implementation of the Framework has now passed to partner organisations. Future reports will therefore be on an exception reporting basis.

A standing update report was also taken on Thematic Partnership issues; on this occasion from the **Adults Strategic Partnership** and **Children’s Trust**.

Dates for the Diary:

Chief Executives Group:

- Thursday 12th May 2011, 2:30pm, County Hall, Northallerton (**NB: this is a revised date – 5th May has been cancelled**)
- Thursday 14th July 2011, 2:30pm, County Hall, Northallerton.
- Thursday 3rd November 2011, 2:30pm, The Hamlet, Hornbeam Park, Harrogate.

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The papers for the meeting are available on the NYSP website www.nysp.org.uk/executive