

North Yorkshire Strategic Partnership - Executive

Minutes of meeting on Thursday 10 February 2011 at Athena House, York

1.0 Welcome and apologies

1.1 Apologies for absence were noted (a full list of attendees and apologies can be found at Appendix 1).

2.0 Minutes of the meeting on 7th October 2010 and matters arising

2.1 The minutes of the meeting on 7th October 2010 were agreed as a true and accurate record. Janet Waggott noted that action number 5 (“circulate some key climate change priorities to Exec members for agreement”) had not yet been actioned but will be done in due course. Cynthia Welbourn also wished members to note that the partnership work done through the NYSP on domestic violence has made a positive difference, as evidenced through the good results of the recent Ofsted safeguarding inspection.

3.0 Local Area Agreement 2008/11

3.1 Full control of the LAA has been passed from central government to local partners to continue to monitor, amend or drop targets as we feel fit. There will be no requirement to produce a new LAA from April 2011. A process has been instigated within NYCC and with partners to review the current indicators and decide upon those that we feel are important to continue to monitor and those which are not.

3.2 The final claim for Performance Reward Grant monies was submitted to central government before Christmas and it isn't expected that any issues will arise from the claim. The monies should be received before the end of March 2011.

4.0 Development of the NYSP and Local Enterprise Partnerships

4.1 The York and North Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) was formally recognised by central government on 10th February 2011. A Steering Group will be set up comprising six local authority representatives and nine business sector representatives (plus a business sector Chair) to drive this work forward.

4.2 A paper was tabled at the meeting which summarised the discussions from the meeting of Local Government North Yorkshire and York (LGNYY) on 28th January 2011 in relation to partnership rationalisation. LGNYY have agreed four principles for a new approach to partnerships, namely:

- 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, recognising that a degree of pragmatism will be required given the difference local authority structures in North Yorkshire and York;
- 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.
- 4.3 In terms of the NYSP, a proposal of LGNYY – which was agreed – was that the NYSP in its current form be dissolved and replaced by a pared-down structure which is led and co-ordinated by LGNYY (Leaders group) and a Chief Executives Group, tasked to provide leadership and coordination across sub-regional partnership structures and public services generally and to advise LGNYY. The latter will comprise the 9 local authority CEOs for North Yorkshire and York, plus the CEOs of the PCT, Police, Fire and Rescue, the two National Park Authorities and representatives from the VCS and business sector. It was therefore agreed by members that the NYSP Executive would be wound up following the 10th February 2011 and be replaced by the Chief Executives group, potentially to meet on the same dates as agreed previously for NYSP Executive meetings.
- 4.4 There are a small number of sub-regional or county partnerships that, subject to legislation, will have to exist locally, namely the Local Enterprise Partnerships, the Health and Wellbeing Boards, the Children’s Trusts, the Community Safety Partnerships and the Local Resilience Forum.
- 4.5 NYSP Executive members also agreed the proposal that the NYSP Thematic Partnerships should cease to exist unless there is a business case for continuation. Any issues which cannot be dealt with through the sub-regional/county groups listed at 4.4. will be managed through a task and finish group approach commissioned by LGNYY or the Chief Executives Group.
- 4.6 A draft transition plan was provided in the tabled report around some of the above changes. Members agreed this plan in principle and the fact that essential continuing issues such as monitoring of Performance Reward Grant and the development of a revised Sustainable Community Strategy will need to remain part of the core issues for the new structure. [Post-meeting note: the full report and transition plan are available at <http://www.nysp.org.uk/html/nysp/executive/papers-and-minutes/> - see Item 4].
- 4.7 A small working group of Chief Executives will be undertaking a review of local partnership arrangements, including shared community engagement arrangements, with a view to rationalisation and making local arrangements more effective. Their recommendations will be taken to LGNYY on 24th June 2011.
- 4.8 It was noted that a degree of localisation will be needed in the new partnership arrangements due to the size of North Yorkshire. It was also noted that a lot of good work has been done by the NYSP thematic partnerships which should not be lost through the forthcoming changes. It was therefore agreed that a meeting of NYSP Thematic Partnership Chairs will be convened in the next few months to discuss any issues arising from the winding up of thematic partnerships.
- 4.9 It was also agreed that clear Terms of Reference and governance arrangements will need to be put in place for the new partnership groups, partly to ensure that there isn’t duplication of effort and partner resource. Richard Flinton agreed to consult members on this in due course.

5.0 Sustainable Community Strategy and priority-setting for North Yorkshire

- 5.1 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.

5.2 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 the content specific and meaningful in terms of intended outcomes. It was agreed that the SCS needs to be reflective of service cuts and realistic about what it can and cannot deliver. It was also noted that there needs to be some reflection of the Big Society and community involvement in delivering against key priorities.

5.3 David Butterworth suggested that the environment plays a vital role in enhancing communities' quality of life and should therefore feature more strongly within the suite of priorities. There also needs to be clarity about what partners' goals are so that the plan can be effectively performance-managed.

5.4 It was highlighted that looking at differences between people and communities in terms of their quality of life, wealth, health and so on could underpin the new strategy. There is a large gap between the 'haves and have nots' in North Yorkshire. One way of tackling this through the SCS may be through a geographical focus on key areas of need.

5.5 Further development work will be done on the draft SCS to flesh out specific actions under the three priorities. There will also need to 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.

6.0 Performance Reward Grant: final submissions for consideration

6.1 Final bids were brought forward by the Adults, Children's, Healthier, Safer and Stronger/Rural Thematic Partnerships for use of their allocation of the Performance Reward Grant (PRG) monies. All proposed bids were agreed in principle by the NYSP Executive, as outlined below. Caveats to these agreed bids are listed at 6.2 and 6.3 below.

Agreed funding for PRG projects (see 6.2 and 6.3 for caveats)

Stronger / Rural Partnership	
Active Communities	£215,000 (see caveat at 6.2)
Broadband	£750,000
Green Communities	£75,000
Rural Housing Enabler	Provisional £100,000 (see 6.2)
Safer Communities Forum	
Domestic Violence Co-ordinators	£150,000
Accident and Emergency Alcohol Support Link Worker	£76,210 (match-funded with Healthier)
Alcohol Treatment Requirement	£150,000
Road Safety	£300,000
Night Marshals	£464,290
Children's Trust *see caveat at 6.2/b	
Looked After Children	£150,000

Risky Behaviours / Teenage Pregnancy	£75,000
Youth Justice Service	£450,000
School Sports – Obesity	£88,500
Young People’s Accommodation	£300,000
Young Carers Project	£120,000
Healthier Communities	
Accident and Emergency Alcohol Support Link Worker	£76,210 (match-funded with Safer)
Scarborough Health Trainer Service	£62,590
Risky Behaviours	£75,000
Adults Strategic Partnership	
Innovation Fund	£1,578,000
Strengthening of the Safeguarding and Quality Assurance Processes	£315,000
Older People Partnership Board – and Community Engagement of Older People	£84,000
Physical and Sensory Impairment Board – and Community Engagement of People with Physical and Sensory Impairments	£105,000

6.2 Further work will need to be done by some of the Thematic Partnerships to resolve and finalise some of the allocations to individual projects, as highlighted below:

(a) Stronger/Rural

As an amendment to the bids brought to the meeting, it was agreed that the Active Communities bid would receive £215,000 (as opposed to £400,000) and that £100,000 would be put to one side provisionally for the Rural Housing Enabler (RHE) project. Janet Waggott stated that the RHE project may yet be funded via other means, in which case the designated £100,000 would be added back into the Active Communities project. Kate Tayler of NYFVO highlighted that if the Active Communities bid were to receive only £215,000 then a re-design of the project and its outcomes would be required.

(b) Children's Trust

There is an over-commitment against the agreed Children's Trust bids which the Chair will work to resolve with partners outside the meeting.

6.3 Concerns were also raised by some members around the sustainability of the Safer Communities suite of agreed projects and Nigel Hutchinson agreed that close monitoring would need to be done on these projects to ensure that they achieve quality outcomes and can continue long-term where they need to.

6.4 Operational monitoring of all PRG projects will be undertaken through the thematic partnerships (or an appropriate successor body) and financial monitoring will be done via exception reports from NYCC Finance and Central Services to the relevant thematic groups and to the Chief Executives Group when required.

10.0 Thematic Partnership updates

10.1 Members noted the written updates that had been provided by the Adults Strategic Partnership and the Children’s Trust on activity within their respective partnerships during the last quarter.

11.0 NYSP conference 2010 evaluation report and future planning for Wider Partnership communications

11.1 Members considered a report on the 2010 annual 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 for delivering it, is not sustainable in its current format and would need to be reviewed. There will continue to be a need 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 and it will be revisited by the Chief Executives Group at their next meeting.

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

12.1 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, which was well-received. Responsibility for implementation of the framework has now passed to partner organisations. Future reports will therefore be provided on an exception reporting basis only.

13.0 Actions arising

	Paragraph reference	Action	Lead	Deadline
1	2.1	Circulate some key climate change priorities to members for agreement (deferred from 7 th Oct 2010)	Janet Waggott	End March 2011
2.	4.8	Meeting of the NYSP thematic chairs to be arranged in next few months to discuss winding up of their groups.	Diane Parsons	End Feb 2011 (to arrange)
3	4.9	Consult Chief Executives Group members on Terms of Reference / governance arrangements.	Richard Flinton	Before first meeting of the Group
4.	5.5	Sustainable Community Strategy to be re-drafted with input from partners prior to stakeholder consultation.	Diane Parsons	May 2011
5.	6.1 (a)	To finalise Stronger/Rural PRG allocation to the Active Communities and Rural Housing Enabler projects as required.	Janet Waggott	March 2011
6	6.1 (b)	To resolve the over-commitment against the agreed Children's Trust bids	Cynthia Wellborn	March 2011

Appendix 1

Attendees – NYSP Executive of 10th February 2011

Present:

Richard Flinton	-	Chair of NYSP Executive
Nigel Hutchinson	-	North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service / York & North Yorkshire Safer Communities Forum
Peter Simpson	-	Hambleton and Richmondshire District Councils
Janet Waggott	-	Ryedale District Council / Stronger Rural Partnership
Rachel Bowles	-	Harrogate Borough Council (on behalf of Wallace Sampson)
Paul Ellis	-	Craven District Council (on behalf of Paul Shevlin)
Andy Wilson	-	North York Moors National Park Authority
David Butterworth	-	Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority
Jayne Brown	-	NHS North Yorkshire and York (on behalf of Jayne Brown)
Grahame Maxwell	-	North Yorkshire Police
Kate Taylor	-	North Yorkshire Forum for Voluntary Organisations
Katie Needham	-	Healthier Communities Partnership
Cynthia Welbourn	-	North Yorkshire Children's Trust
Derek Law	-	Adults' Strategic Partnership

In Attendance:

Gary Fielding	-	NYCC
Hugh Williamson	-	NYCC
Neil Irving	-	NYCC
Debbie Bassett	-	NYCC
Deborah Hugill	-	NYCC
Diane Parsons	-	NYCC

Apologies:

Wallace Sampson	-	Harrogate Borough Council
Martin Connor	-	Selby District Council
Jim Dillon	-	Scarborough Borough Council
Gary Williamson	-	Leeds, York & North Yorkshire Chamber of Commerce
Paul Shevlin	-	Craven District Council
David Bowe	-	Economy and Skills Board