

Summary of discussions at Local Government North Yorkshire and York (LGNYY) meeting on 28 January 2011 regarding partnership rationalisation

- 1 LGNYY 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, recognising that a degree of pragmatism will be required given the different 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.

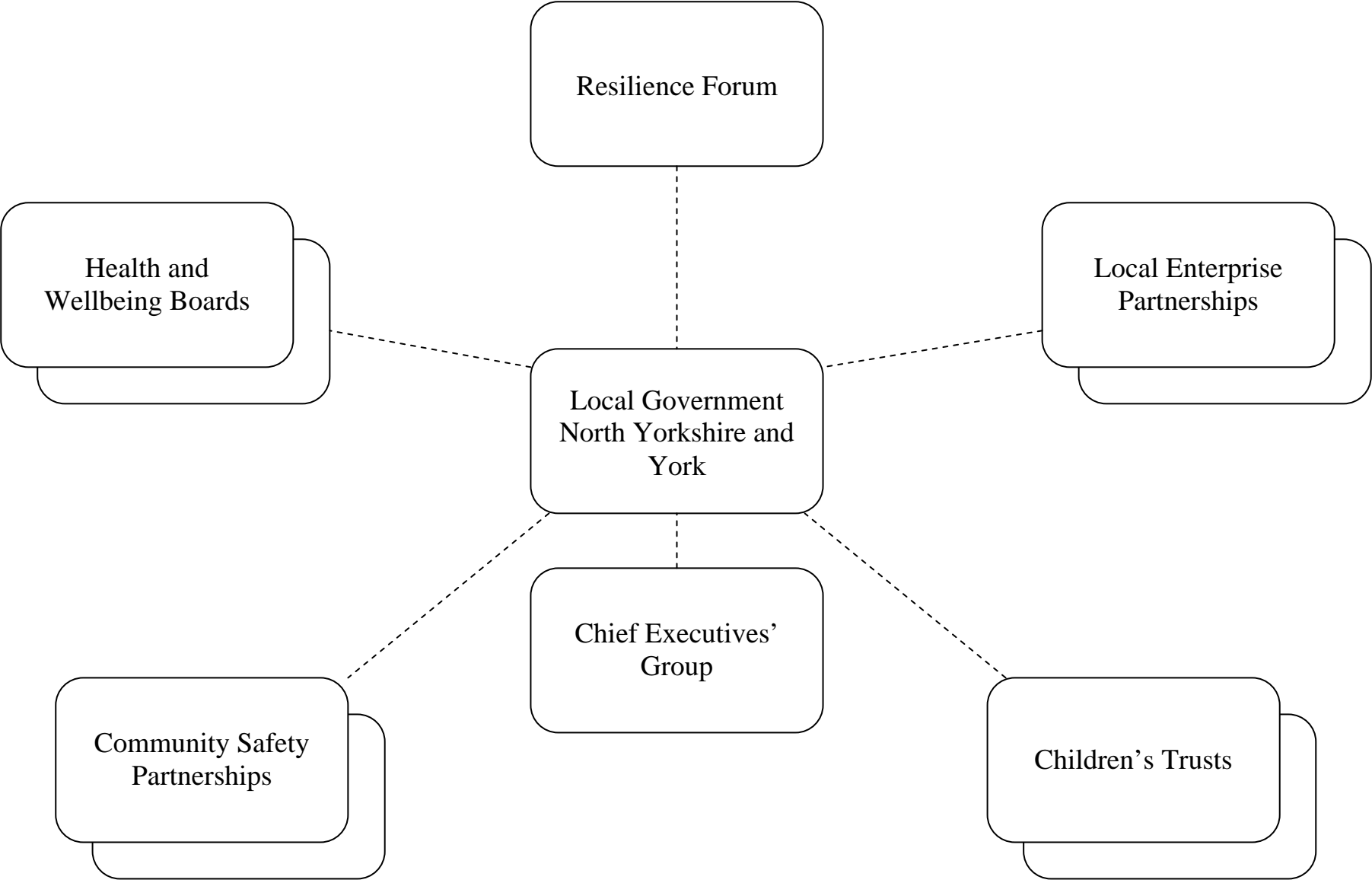
- 2 LGNYY agreed that it would continue to exist as a meeting of Leaders and that the constituent authorities would be City of York Council, North Yorkshire County Council, Craven District Council, Hambleton District Council, Harrogate Borough Council, Richmondshire District Council, Ryedale District Council, Scarborough Borough Council, Selby District Council, North York Moors National Park Authority and Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority.

- 3 LGNYY is to consider at a later date:
 - whether a directly elected police and crime commissioner should be invited to become a member of LGNYY or be invited to participate in some or all LGNYY's discussions on a regular basis; and
 - LGNYY's engagement with GP Consortia.

- 4 LGNYY is to consider at its meeting on 24 June 2011 whether or not to retain some or all of the four LGNYY Thematic Boards (Economy and Skills Board, Transport Board, Housing Board and Spatial Planning Board).

- 5 LGNYY recognised that there are a small number of sub-regional / county partnerships that, subject to legislation, it is expected will have to exist locally:
 - *Local Enterprise Partnerships*, with membership drawn from the business sector and local authorities.
 - North Yorkshire County Council and the City of York Council will be required to establish *Health and Wellbeing Boards* with a joint duty (with GP commissioning consortia) to prepare and implement a joint health and wellbeing strategy.
 - North Yorkshire County Council and the City of York Council will need to consider whether to continue with their *Children's Trusts* to push forward the strategic development of children's services, although it is expected that Children's Trusts will be relieved of statutory requirements and the oversight of joint commissioning with the NHS for children's care, public health, and health improvement will become a responsibility of the Health and Wellbeing Boards.
 - Partners are currently reviewing the local arrangements for *Community Safety Partnerships*. The recent policing white paper encourages consolidation at police force level. A county strategy group will still be required if there is more than one CSP in the North Yorkshire County Council area.
 - The *Local Resilience Forum* bringing together specific organisations across the police force area to work together to prepare for, respond to and recover from emergencies.

- 6 LGNYY is proposing the establishment of a *Chief Executives' Group* comprising the chief executives or equivalents of the nine local authorities, two national park authorities, PCT, police, fire and rescue, plus appropriate representatives of the voluntary and community sector and the business sector, tasked to provide leadership and coordination across sub-regional partnership structures and public services generally and to advise LGNYY.
- 7 The attached diagram sets out the proposed sub-regional partnership structures. The dotted lines between LGNYY and the other partnerships indicate key communication links; the partnerships will not legally be accountable to LGNYY.
- 8 Given the above, LGNYY is proposing that the NYSP Executive and NYSP Thematic Partnerships cease to exist. Any issues that could not otherwise be dealt with through the partnerships outlined above would be managed through a task and finish group approach commissioned by LGNYY or the Chief Executives' Group.
- 9 LGNYY also agreed that a small working group of Chief Executives be appointed (nominations to be organised by Peter Simpson), chaired by a District Council Chief Executive, to undertake a review of local partnership arrangements, including shared community engagement arrangements, in order to propose some common principles with a view to rationalising and making local partnership arrangements more effective, and to submit recommendations to LGNYY's meeting on 24 June 2011.



Draft transition plan

Subject, as appropriate, to legislation and agreement with partners, this will be a significant change in the nature and structures of strategic sub-regional / county partnerships. The following actions are proposed:

- a. Development of the York and North Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership, alongside the Leeds City Region Local Enterprise Partnership, together with the winding up of the York & North Yorkshire Development Board – work currently in progress, facilitated by the York & North Yorkshire Partnership Unit.
- b. Development of the North Yorkshire and City of York Health and Wellbeing Boards – work currently in progress, led by NYCC, to establish a NY transition board. Similar developments in York will be led by the City of York Council. Once the NY transition board is in place the NYSP Adults Strategic Partnership and NYSP Healthier Communities Thematic Partnership should be wound up – facilitated by the chairs of those Thematic Partnerships.
- c. NYCC and the City of York Council will need to consider whether to continue with their Children's Trusts.
- d. Partners, led by the York & North Yorkshire Safer Communities Forum, are currently reviewing the local arrangements for Community Safety Partnerships.
- e. The Local Resilience Forum is currently undertaking a review of its structure and systems.
- f. Development of the new Chief Executives' Group and the winding up of the NYSP Executive, to include agreeing terms of reference and the secretariat arrangements – it is proposed that the chair of the NYSP Executive develops a proposal for consultation amongst members of the new Chief Executives' Group with a view to the Group holding its first meeting in the second quarter of 2011.
- g. The winding up of the NYSP Rural / Stronger Partnership by the end of the second quarter of 2011 – facilitated by the chair of the Thematic Partnership.
- h. In all cases when winding up an existing partnership, consideration will need to be given to how any essential continuing issues will be dealt with in future, for example oversight of the expenditure of PRG funding and engagement in the development of the streamlined NY Sustainable Community Strategy..
- i. A small working group of Chief Executives, chaired by a District Council Chief Executive, will undertake a review of local partnership arrangements, including shared community engagement arrangements, in order to propose some common principles with a view to rationalising and making local partnership arrangements more effective, and to submit recommendations to LGNYY's meeting on 24 June 2011. In addition this working group will consider whether some or all of the four LGNYY Thematic Boards should be retained and submit recommendations to LGNYY's meeting on 24 June 2011.
- j. Consideration will need to be given by the new Chief Executives' Group to how the wide range of organisations currently participating in the NYSP Wider Partnership can continue to be involved appropriately in the new arrangements. At the very least these organisations will need to be consulted on the streamlined North Yorkshire Sustainable Community Strategy and, with the appropriate inclusion of organisations active in York, it could be the basis of a good forum for consultation and briefing on behalf of all the sub-regional partnerships.