

North Yorkshire Strategic Partnership - Executive

15 April 2010

A Good Place to Grow Older

1 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To update the Executive on 'A Good Place to Grow Older – A National Commitment'.
- 1.2 To invite the Executive to consider the National Commitment and how we might continue to shape North Yorkshire as a good place to grow older.

- 2 'A Good Place to Grow Older – A National Commitment' (copy attached) is a product of Government departments, national agencies and organisations working together to agree a shared vision to support all our communities to become good places to grow older.
- 3 'Building a Society for All Ages', published in July 2009 sets out the Government's strategy for addressing the opportunities and challenges of an ageing population. This included a commitment for Government to develop a National Agreement with national organisations, to support the strategy to have an impact at a local level. This recognised the key role that local partners would play in delivering the ageing strategy, particularly as decisions about designing, developing and shaping communities, and the delivery of most services, take place at a local level.
- 4 Signatories to the National Commitment have made a number of pledges, including working together as an Ageing Society National Partnership, to take the pledges forward. Challenges are set for the National Partnership itself, and for departments, agencies and organisations represented by the signatories to mirror the pledges in Local Strategic Partnerships. This will help to build on the good work, which we know is already taking place at the local level.
- 5 Government Office for Yorkshire and the Humber (GOYH) has written to the NYSP, ahead of the first meeting of the Ageing Society National Partnership, requesting that we consider:
 - the National Commitment at a partnership meeting (or send it on to the most appropriate thematic partnership for them to consider)
 - how we might shape our area as a good place to grow older
 - what support the Department for Work and Pensions and GOYH might provide to enable this to happen
- 6 Partners in North Yorkshire have worked together successfully for some time on these issues and this has been recognised regionally and nationally. 'Planning for Older Age 2006 – 2011' is the multi-agency, North Yorkshire and York sub-regional strategic framework for people 50 and over. In the recent CAA Area Assessment we received a 'green flag' for helping older and

vulnerable people keep their independence and North Yorkshire was described as “a good place to grow old”.

- 7 In essence, we are being asked to sign up to the guiding principles and pledges (as set out in sections 3 and 4 of the National Commitment) and to agree to consider these when developing our strategies, plans and service delivery.
- 8 Whilst there is clearly a leadership role for the NYSP Adults Strategic Partnership, it is essential that all Thematic Partnerships, Local Strategic Partnerships and partners play their part in ensuring that North Yorkshire is a good place to grow older.
- 9 It is proposed that the Executive endorses the guiding principles and pledges and asks the Adults Strategic Partnership to take the lead in developing the North Yorkshire response, including encouraging and enabling the appropriate participation of other Thematic Partnerships, Local Strategic Partnerships and partners, and to report back to the Executive later in 2010.

10 Recommendations

- 10.1 To consider the National Commitment and how we might continue to shape North Yorkshire as a good place to grow older, building upon the successful work to date.
- 10.2 To endorse the guiding principles and pledges within ‘A Good Place to Grow Older – A National Commitment’.
- 10.3 To ask the Adults Strategic Partnership to take the lead in developing the North Yorkshire response, including encouraging and enabling the appropriate participation of other Thematic Partnerships, Local Strategic Partnerships and partners, and to report back to the Executive later in 2010.

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