

**North Yorkshire Strategic Partnership - Executive**

**15 April 2010**

**Comprehensive Area Assessment**

**1 Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 To update the NYSP Executive on the proposed process to support CAA in 2010.

**2 Area Self Evaluation**

- 2.1 In preparation for CAA and in order for the partners in North Yorkshire to be able to demonstrate a good self awareness of the delivery of outcomes in the area, we undertook an area self evaluation and produced an action plan. This was presented to the NYSP Executive in June 2009.
- 2.2 This first area self evaluation provided us with a very valuable 'baseline'. This is a wide ranging and comprehensive collection of data and current practice, showing that in many areas we are delivering well.
- 2.3 Future area self evaluation does not now need to cover all areas of our work again, but should just concentrate on how well we are delivering on the action plan, the ten priority areas in the Sustainable Community Strategy, the underpinning themes and the areas that will be more challenging for the partnership to deliver in the current economic climate.
- 2.4 We have therefore run three workshops with representatives of partner organisations. These workshops have looked at:
- evaluation of the area self assessment action plan, learning / issues coming out of area assessment and the organisational assessment.
  - sustainability of rural communities and the environment
  - the impact of the economic downturn.
- 2.5 We will not produce an in-depth self evaluation document but instead produce a short update document supported by case study documents.
- 2.6 We will continue to monitor the action plan within the area self evaluation.
- 2.7 Case studies of good / innovative practice will continue to be produced and posted on the NYSP website.
- 2.8 Workshops looking at underpinning theme areas are available for thematic partnerships on request
- 2.9 The Audit Commission have told us they will be under taking an inspection of flooding and climate change. We await further details.

**3 Action Plan Monitoring**

- 3.1 The action plan resulting from the area self evaluation has been reviewed. An updated version with details of developments is attached.

**4 Recommendations**

- 4.1 To agree to the proposed process to support CAA in 2010.

**Appendix 1 – CAA Action Plan**

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