

## North Yorkshire Strategic Partnership - Executive

### Minutes of meeting on Thursday 24 June 2010 at Conyngham Hall, Knaresborough

#### 1.0 Welcome, apologies and election of Chair

- 1.1 Apologies for absence were noted (a full list of attendees and apologies can be found at Appendix 1). Richard Flinton was elected as the new Chair of the NYSP Executive. Richard thanked Nigel Hutchinson for his efforts as interim Chair.

#### 2.0 Minutes of the meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> April 2010 and matters arising

- 2.1 The minutes of the meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> April 2010 were agreed as a true and accurate record. Members discussed the recent decision by government to scrap the Comprehensive Area Assessment (CAA). Queries were raised regarding outstanding work on CAA and which workstreams would need to continue. It was confirmed that there will be a flooding inspection. Government Office have written to Ministers to find out if such work will still continue in view of the expense and resources involved and David Fraser will advise the NYSP Executive of the response.
- 2.2 Members also discussed Performance Reward Grant (PRG) in light of the government decision to halve the amount payable to local authorities as part of expenditure cuts. It was agreed that allocations to Thematic Partnerships will be halved. It was also agreed that the allocation to the voluntary and community sector via the York and North Yorkshire Community Foundation will be halved and that the voluntary and community sector could consider if creation of an endowment fund is still appropriate. A future paper will come to the NYSP Executive from the voluntary and community sector with their views on the latter point and on how the PRG monies could be used to best effect.

#### 3.0 Local Area Agreement 2008/11: Performance at the end of 2009/10 Q4

- 3.1 The performance monitoring update paper was noted by members.

#### 4.0 LAA Financial Monitoring Report – Outturn 2009/10

- 4.1 The LAA financial monitoring report was noted by members.

#### 5.0 Sustainable Community Strategy and LAA refresh

- 5.1 The Executive discussed the work to date on the refresh of the Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) and Local Area Agreement (LAA). A key question was whether it is useful or realistic to continue developing the SCS and LAA at this time, given that the Government is considering the future of the LAA and there are to be significant cuts in public sector expenditure. It was felt that the SCS should reflect developments on Total Place more and look to the challenges ahead. Ministers are still considering whether to keep, modify or scrap LAA. Having an SCS is currently statutory but wouldn't need to necessarily take its current shape or form once

refreshed and could be pared down. David Fraser suggested that it may also become something which includes the private sector.

5.2 There was general acceptance that NYSP partners should have an agreement in place which defines the key issues for North Yorkshire and how partners will work together to improve outcomes for local people, but that this agreement could be undertaken in a more streamlined way than was required by the current approach to the SCS and LAA.

5.3 It was therefore agreed that work on compiling draft LAA indicators and on drafting the new SCS will be suspended for the time being, as will the proposed public consultation from July to October 2010. It was also agreed that Thematic Partnerships should focus on just two or three critical issues which they need to tackle. The Chairs of Thematic Partnerships will meet on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2010, where they will discuss the SCS and how this could develop in a way which looks ahead to dealing with the many challenges to be faced. Further information will be made available to NYSP partners as these discussions develop in the coming months.

5.4 Katie Needham also raised the issue of the positioning of the 'Alcohol' priority within the SCS as this had been discussed at the April Executive meeting. It has been agreed that the DAAT will take on the delivery of interventions and Seamus Breen from NYCC will be meeting Nigel Hutchinson shortly to discuss this further.

## **6.0 Total Place**

6.1 Peter Simpson presented the paper on Total Place, updating members on recent work within the sub-region which has been facilitated by IDeA. Partners have already agreed that it would be wrong to get hung up on a 'counting' exercise as a way of looking at achieving savings. A number of service areas have been identified for a theme-specific approach, such as waste management and addressing the issue of an ageing population. The NYSP Executive agreed to note that this activity is taking place and to take an update at a future meeting.

## **7.0 Thematic Partnership updates**

7.1 Members noted the written updates that had been provided by the Economy and Skills Board and the York and North Yorkshire Safer Communities Forum on activity within their respective partnerships during the last quarter. Updates will be provided by the Stronger and Healthier Thematic Partnerships in October 2010.

## **8.0 Community engagement and neighbourhood management framework for North Yorkshire – report of the Implementation Group**

8.1 Neil Irving updated members on progress on the action plan for the community engagement and neighbourhood management framework. Some of the workstreams such as the joint consultations and engagement database are already well underway and others, such as development of the Local Information System, are progressing through their early stages. The Implementation Group will convene once more to ensure that workstreams are embedded and this responsibility will then pass to the Stronger/Rural thematic partnership at the end of the year, who will continue to oversee the workstreams.

8.2 It was noted that there will be an increasing need for partners to co-ordinate engagement activity together in the future, particularly in terms of dealing with public-facing engagement concerning cuts to key services. It was also noted that it may be

useful for the Thematic Partnership Chairs to reflect on engagement when they meet on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2010.

- 8.3 With regards to the Local Information System development, Hugh Williamson highlighted that the funding for this project has been assured but the longer term financing issue will be around maintenance of the system.

## **9.0 Local Government North Yorkshire and York – extended meeting on 2 July 2010**

- 9.1 The first meeting of the extended Local Government North Yorkshire and York (LGNYY) group will be taking place on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2010. This group was set up following the abolition of the six-monthly meetings of the NYSP Partnership and includes the Chairs of the Primary Care Trust (PCT), Police Authority and Fire and Rescue Authority, as well as the nine council Leaders. The meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2010 will discuss the development of a York and North Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP). Members agreed on the opportunity presented – and the need - to shape the LEP to focus on the issues which are important to York and North Yorkshire such as, for example, innovation and skills.

- 9.2 It was noted that this discussion will provide an opportunity to consider all our partnerships and whether there is a need for rationalisation. It was agreed that the NYSP needs to fall within these considerations and that there is an opportunity to explore working differently to ensure that any duplication is removed and resources are focused appropriately on the right areas. It was also noted that NYSP partners need to be clear about the difference between having fora for information exchange versus decision-making and that it may only be necessary in future to meet a couple of times a year.

## **10.0 NYSP conference 2010 – planning update**

- 10.1 Following the discussions about the refresh of the Sustainable Community Strategy and Local Area Agreement, it was agreed that a fundamental rethink is needed regarding this year's NYSP Wider Partnership conference. This could provide an opportunity for partners to discuss issues, concerns and how we might deal with the problems facing us as a result of expenditure cuts. It was agreed that, if practical, it might be useful to re-schedule the conference until after the publication of the Government's Comprehensive Spending Review on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2010.

- 10.2 It was also agreed that the annual conference will be reviewed in 2011 and further consideration given to whether the event will continue to be held in its current format.

## **11.0 NYSP Executive dates 2011 and meeting venues**

- 11.1 The Executive agreed to diarise the proposed meeting dates for 2011 (all to take place between 2:30pm and 4:30pm). These will be:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2011 (already agreed in April 2010)
- 5<sup>th</sup> May 2011
- 14<sup>th</sup> July 2011
- 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2011

- 11.2 Venues for these meetings will be confirmed in due course. It was agreed that a variety of venues could be used for future meetings and there may also be potential to explore teleconferencing and other technologies for convening NYSP Executive

meetings. It was also agreed that the Executive may not need to meet on each of these dates next year and so this will be reviewed on an ongoing basis.

## 12.0 Actions arising

	Paragraph reference	Action	Lead	Deadline
1	2.1	Advise NYSP Exec of government response regarding ongoing CAA work.	David Fraser	When info is available.
2.	2.2	Paper on use of PRG monies within voluntary and community sector to come to NYSP Exec.	Kate Tayler / NYFVO	24 September 2010
3	6.1	Future update on sub-regional developments on Total Place.	Peter Simpson ./ Gary Fielding	24 September 2010
4.	7.1	Updates on Thematic Partnership activity to be provided by Stronger/Rural and Healthier for the August NYSP newsletter and October NYSP Exec.	Janet Waggott / Katie Needham	23 July 2010
5.	11.3	Explore alternative venues and potential for teleconferencing at future NYSP Exec meetings.	Diane Parsons	End August 2010

## Appendix 1

### Attendees – NYSP Executive of 24<sup>th</sup> June 2010

#### Present:

Richard Flinton	-	Chair of NYSP Executive / Economy and Skills Board
Nigel Hutchinson	-	North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service / York & North Yorkshire Safer Communities Forum
Peter Simpson	-	Hambleton District Council / Richmondshire District Council
Janet Waggott	-	Ryedale District Council
Paul Shevlin	-	Craven District Council
Rachel Bowles	-	Harrogate Borough Council (on behalf of Wallace Sampson)
Andy Wilson	-	North York Moors National Park Authority / also representing Yorkshire Dales NPA
Jayne Brown	-	NHS North Yorkshire and York
Judith Bromfield	-	North Yorkshire Forum for Voluntary Organisations (on behalf of Kate Tayler)
Chief Suptdt Iain Spittal	-	North Yorkshire Police (on behalf of Grahame Maxwell)
Katie Needham	-	Healthier Communities Partnership
Cynthia Welbourn	-	North Yorkshire Children's Trust
Derek Law	-	Adults' Strategic Partnership
David Fraser	-	Government Office for Yorkshire & the Humber (Observer)

#### In Attendance:

Hugh Williamson	-	NYCC
Neil Irving	-	NYCC
Diane Parsons	-	NYCC

#### Apologies:

Jim Dillon	-	Scarborough Borough Council
Wallace Sampson	-	Harrogate Borough Council
Martin Connor	-	Selby District Council
Kate Tayler	-	North Yorkshire Forum for Voluntary Organisations
David Butterworth	-	Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority
Grahame Maxwell	-	North Yorkshire Police
Gary Williamson	-	Leeds, York & North Yorkshire Chamber of Commerce