

North Yorkshire Strategic Partnership - Executive

24 June 2010

Sustainable Community Strategy and LAA Refresh 2010/11

1 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To update members on progress in the development of both the revised Sustainable Community Strategy and Local Area Agreement.
- 1.2 To seek the views of members on the outline structure, flow and overall content of the draft strategy and obtain any proposals for changes ahead of wider public consultation at the end of July 2010.

2 Documents for review

- 2.1 Members will find enclosed an **electronic version** of an early draft of the refreshed **Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS)**, for members' attention prior to the next Executive meeting on 24th June 2010. Please note that it is likely that some further changes will continue to be made to this draft (version 0.4) ahead of the 24th June meeting.
- 2.2 At **Annex A** of this cover report, there is also a detailed summary of progress to date on the development of the new **Local Area Agreement 2011/14**.

3 Draft Sustainable Community Strategy

- 3.1 As members will know, the main consultation with partners and the public on the developing SCS will take place from the **end of July** to the **end of October 2010**. There will therefore be plenty of opportunity for NYSP partners and others to provide their detailed comments on the text and content of the SCS in the coming months.
- 3.2 At this point, in preparation for the consultation period, NYSP Executive members are asked to give their focus to the more high-level aspects of the draft; namely whether the enclosed **outline structure, flow and content** are appropriate.
- 3.3 It is clearly difficult to anticipate whether there may be further changes to the governing frameworks and statute surrounding the SCS and LAA post-election or what the impact of any potential changes might be. The Foreword to the enclosed draft highlights this shifting context. It is clear that additional changes may be put in place by central government during the course of the consultation period for this SCS and LAA but, at present, the focus is on recognising this need for fluidity but also on continuing 'business as usual' in terms of the draft documents and their development process.
- 3.4 Members will recall that at the last meeting of the NYSP Executive on 15th April 2010, a few key principles were agreed in terms of developing the new SCS. These can be summarised as follows:

- The SCS priorities are to be re-grouped by broadly following the thematic partnership areas; and
 - Cross-cutting issues should be picked up within the priority areas.
- 3.5 On this basis, **Affordable Housing** will therefore come under '**Stronger communities**', as will **Community Cohesion**.
- 3.6 There was some discussion about the positioning of '**Alcohol**' and further discussions on this have been held among partners from the Safer Communities Forum and Healthier Communities Partnership. It is likely that, for the purposes of producing the SCS, this will appear principally under 'Health and wellbeing', but with cross-references to other areas such as 'Safer communities'. This has yet to be confirmed.
- 3.7 '**Access to services and public transport**' is a large and multi-layered priority issue which cuts across most, if not all, of the SCS priorities. 'Access' includes issues such as digital inclusion – which was highlighted in the Phase 1 refresh consultation as needing to be more 'cross-cutting' – transport, connectivity, rurality, financial inclusion and a number of other issues. Picking up on members' wish to see a more cross-cutting thread through the SCS, the broad theme of 'Access and inclusion' has therefore been used in the draft, with examples of how each priority area will meet challenges in that context. This has been implemented as a cross-cutting challenge rather than a stand-alone priority, but views are sought from members on whether this picks up on the right issues or whether there are others which should feature as being cross-cutting.
- 3.8 Whilst members agreed that the six thematic partnership areas would provide a useful way of grouping the new priorities, it was apparent from the initial consultation this year that the environment and climate change have become issues of increasing concern to stakeholders and which continue to require attention as a stand-alone priority. The priority of '**Environment and climate change**' has therefore been included, as well as the individual priority for 'Strong communities'. The draft therefore has seven priorities at present, for consideration by members:
- **Children and young people**
 - **Economy, enterprise and employment**
 - **Environment and climate change**
 - **Health and wellbeing**
 - **Older and vulnerable people**
 - **Safer communities**
 - **Stronger communities**
- 3.9 '**Stronger communities**' is a rather large and unwieldy priority at present, even though its focus is purely on housing and cohesion/capacity issues. Members may wish to consider how this particular priority could develop to be more manageable.
- 3.10 Views are sought on high-level aspects of this draft for the meeting on 24th June. There will be a further opportunity in early/mid-July to see an updated version of the SCS (to be circulated by email) before it goes out to public consultation. It is important to note that the attached version has not yet been

proof-read or developed to be in more of a 'plain english' style in certain areas because the text is still subject to change, but this will be done prior to wider consultation. There will also be an appendix, as currently, which will summarise the countywide thematic plans of the six thematic partnerships, along with the priorities of the seven district sustainable community strategies. This has not been included in the enclosed electronic version but will also be added before consultation.

4 Recommendations

- 4.1 That the Executive note the background context provided in this update report;
- 4.2 That the Executive review the enclosed draft (v0.4) of the SCS and provide their comments on or before the 24th June 2010 meeting.
- 4.3 That the Executive review the progress update on development of the LAA 2011/14 at Appendix 1 and provide comments as necessary on or before 24th June 2010.

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1 Local Area Agreement 2011-2014

- 2.1 As reported previously all Thematic Partnerships have begun initial discussions regarding indicators and some have produced initial draft lists of indicators to be within the new 2011-14 North Yorkshire LAA that they feel appropriately reflect their priorities being put forward to be included within the SCS. A latest update of progress for each Thematic Partnership is as follows:
- 2.2 The **Children's Trust** considered a paper on the future priorities for the CYPP and LAA refresh at its last meeting. The proposal put forward is to run the LAA refresh and CYPP development along the same timescale, with a revised needs assessment over the summer, and emergent priorities (and indicators) over the autumn period. The Children and Young People's Plan 2011-14 must be published by 1st April 2011, so it aligns with the LAA / SCS refresh.
- 2.3 The **Adults Thematic Partnership** has undertaken initial discussions regarding priorities. It is being investigated how the existing LAA targets can link to these priorities or whether there is a need to link in new national indicators to these priorities. An initial working list has been constructed and is currently being discussed with colleagues / partners and will be shared with the Adults Thematic partnership on the 7th June.
- 2.4 The **Economy and Enterprise Thematic Partnership** will be considering new LAA indicators once the new Economic Assessment is completed. This assessment is currently at an interim draft version stage with further engagement of partners leading to the completion of the sub regional version by end of June. The statutory North Yorkshire Assessment will then be produced with the redefined LAA indicators.
- 2.5 The **Healthier Communities Thematic Partnership** produced a consultation template and sent this to all members of the Partnership during January 2010, asking for comment and suggestions for the SCS and LAA refresh. This information was used to aid further discussion at the Partnership meeting held on 17th March and to inform the final consultation document. A draft list of indicators includes the following indicators:

NI	Description
8	Adult participation in sport
39	Rate of Hospital Admissions per 100,000 for Alcohol Related Harm
56	Obesity in primary school children in year 6
112	Under 18 conception rate
123	Stopping smoking
Local Indicator	Slope Index of Inequalities

- 2.6 The **Stronger Thematic Partnership** set up a task and finish group, which has met to consider the relevance of the priorities of existing SCS and targets for possible inclusion in the next LAA. The proposals of the task and finish group were presented to the Thematic Partnership on the 23rd February for discussion and agreement prior to presentation to the NYSP. Initial

discussions would see the following indicators being included with the LAA 2011-2014:

NI	Description
1	The percentage of people who believe people from different backgrounds get on well together in their local area.
3	Civic Participation in the local area.
6	Participation in regular volunteering
7	Environment for a Thriving Third Sector
11	Engagement in the Arts
155	Number of Affordable Homes Delivered (gross)
159*	The total number of net additional dwellings that are deliverable as a percentage of the planned housing provision (in net additional dwellings) for the 5 year period.
175	Access to services and facilities by public transport, walking or cycling (Exact definition agreed locally)
185	CO2 reduction (tonnes) from local authority operations (incl schools).
186	Per capita reduction in CO2 emissions in the LA area (tonnes of CO2)
187	Tackling Fuel Poverty – people receiving income based benefits living in homes with a low energy efficiency rating.
188	Adapting to Climate Change
189 *	Percentage of agreed actions to implement long term flood and coastal erosion risk management plans that are being undertaken satisfactorily.
191	Residual household waste per head
193	Percentage of municipal waste land filled.
197	Proportion of Local Sites where positive conservation management has been or is being implemented.
Local Indicator (currently L8)	Prevent homelessness through advice and pro-active intervention (Number of households where homelessness has been prevented via Local Authority intervention).

* Indicates a target where more information will be sought about measurement and definition as currently felt target itself not measuring an output/outcome that has proven impact and value to North Yorkshire.

- 2.7 A paper was presented to the **York and North Yorkshire Safer Communities Forum** on 30th March outlining proposals regarding the refresh of the LAA Performance Indicators and Targets, and the Sustainable Community Strategy for 2011-14. Initial discussions have concentrated on the following:

Potential indicators that may be used from the police perspective:-

- NI16 – Serious Acquisitive Crime
- NI17 – Perceptions of Anti-Social Behaviour
- NI15 – Serious Violent Crime
- NI20 – Assault with Less Serious Injury
- NI47 - Killed or Seriously Injured in Road Traffic Collisions
- NI21 – (Agencies) dealing with local concerns
- NI27 – (Agencies) understanding local concerns

Potential Indicators that may be used from the LCJB and IOM/Reducing re-offending Strategic Delivery Board perspective are:

- NI18 - Re-offending by offenders under probation supervision

Potential Indicators may be used relating to Violent Crime (from Tackling Violent Crime JCG's perspective)

- NI32 - Reduce repeat incidents of Domestic Violence
- NI20 - Assault with Less Serious Injury (or retain L60 – incidence of violent crime)
- NI41 - Drunk and Rowdy Behaviour

2.8 It is expected that a complete draft set of indicators with specific details regarding baselines, targets and target lead officers will be available by the end of July 2010 and available for the consultation period for the draft SCS and LAA which will run from the end of July to end of October 2010.

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