

North Yorkshire Strategic Partnership - Executive

24 June 2010

Thematic Partnership updates

1 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To highlight recent activity and progress by the York and North Yorkshire Safer Communities Forum and the North Yorkshire Economy and Skills Board.

2 At the Executive meeting of 15th April 2010, members agreed that a standing item would be taken from two of the Thematic Partnerships at each Executive. The purpose of this would be to provide an update on recent activity and progress within the relevant Thematic Partnerships and provide an opportunity for further discussion at the Executive level.

3 On 24th June 2010, the focus will be on the Safer Communities Forum and the Economy and Skills Board.

4 It was also agreed that the updates provided by Thematic Partnerships for the quarterly NYSP newsletter could be used as the basis for this report. The NYSP newsletter was published in May 2010 and included updates from the Safer Communities Forum and the Economy and Skills Board. Enclosed at Annex A are the two newsletter updates.

5 It is recommended that the Stronger/Rural Partnership and the Healthier Communities Partnership provide updates for the August newsletter and the 7th October meeting of the NYSP Executive.

6 Recommendations

- 6.1 That members note the update reports provided by the Thematic Partnerships; and
6.2 Agree that Stronger and Healthier will provide the next updates at the October 2010 meeting.

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Economy and Skills Board

During the past year the Economy and Skills Board has formed, replacing the Development Board, to lead on issues relating to the economy that need to be addressed at a York and North Yorkshire level.

The Board is supported by the York and North Yorkshire Partnership Executive, made up of Chief Executives and senior officers of key organisations. In addition, three existing sub-partnerships have been reinvigorated to take account of specific issues, these being:-

- The Work and Skills Partnership;
- The Business Support Partnership; and
- The Cultural Partnership.

These are all currently establishing clear action plans and strategies setting out future priorities across the sub-region.

Over the past six months the work of the Partnership has concentrated on the preparation of a local economic assessment for York and North Yorkshire, which will help to set out:-

- Our understanding of the current position on the local economy;
- How we will earn our living in twenty years time;
- How we will contribute to the economic recovery over the next few years and what some of the critical issues are that need to be addressed;
- What this all means for our local areas; and
- What might be our opportunities, competitive advantage and how might these be taken forward as drivers for the future.

This will help to form a view of what the future priorities for the economy will be, contributing to the review of the Sustainable Community Strategy and the revision of the Local Area Agreement.

An Interim Summary of the Economic Assessment has been produced to encourage partner engagement in this process. This can be found on the York and North Yorkshire Partnership Unit website www.ynypu.org.uk for further information contact andrew.leeming@ynypu.org.uk

York and North Yorkshire Safer Communities Forum

The York and North Yorkshire Safer Communities Forum brings together a range of organisations committed to tackling Crime and Disorder and its causes.

A new delivery structure for the Forum was approved at its meeting of 6th November 2009. The new structure has been established to achieve the effective delivery of the recently approved Community Safety Agreement (CSA) for 2010/11. The strategic direction for the forthcoming year, for all partners involved in Community Safety, has been defined within the annual CSA and links are being strengthened between the Forum, the Joint Coordinators Group (JCGs) and the Local Criminal Justice Board (LCJB). Action plans are currently being developed through the JCGs to ensure effective delivery against the LAA targets.

The JCG structure now reflects the new CSA priorities:-

- Public Confidence JCG
- Anti Social Behaviour JCG
- Violent Crime JCG (including Alcohol Night Time Economy)
- Road Safety JCG (95 Alive Partnership)
- Domestic Abuse JCG
- Justice JCG (Integrated Offender Management / Prolific & Priority Offenders)

The Joint Officers Working Group (JOWG) will be the 'performance mechanism' for the Forum and will scrutinise performance within each JCG, monitoring impact against each of the LAA targets and performance and spend against the Community Safety Agreement (CSA) delivery plan. Any emerging issues will be addressed through a problem-solving approach and 'task and finish groups' will be formed as needed.

Through the annual Area Based Grant (ABG) funding process, projects have been identified to tackle the countywide priorities of the CSA. These projects will address both Domestic Violence, through supporting the Independent Domestic Violence Advisors (IDVAs) and Temporary Accommodation for perpetrators, and also youth reoffending through the Youth Spotlight project. Further work is being undertaken to look at additional analyst capacity within the community safety arena and evaluating the Alcohol Treatment Referrals, which is currently a pilot process within the Scarborough district. For further details about the Forum go to www.nysp.org.uk/safer or contact lesley.dale@northyorks.gov.uk.