



# North Yorkshire: Area Assessment

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# Area Assessment

- How well do local partners understand the needs and aspirations of their diverse communities?
- How well do local partners deliver outcomes and improvement?
- What are the prospects for future improvement?

*sustainability, inequality, vulnerable groups  
and value for money*

## Where are we now?

- In midst of Stage 3 – information sharing developing the joint emerging picture.
- Later than we planned (and hoped) – but CQC (Dianne Chaplin) and Ofsted (Maureen York) contacts in place alongside those for HMIC.
- Regulators' roundtable on 8 July to signed off our joint emerging picture.

# Audit Commission take ...

## Caveats

- prepared in May/June 2009
- based on Audit Commission knowledge and published information
- start point for dialogue with LSP partners and other regulators
- None of the following is definitive some things may be wrong (we've misunderstood things or more up to date information is available)

# North Yorkshire LSP's ambitions and challenges

# North Yorkshire – the area

- Population
  - 5% increase by 2019 in 50+ (Richmondshire 33%)
  - Retirees, young families, economic migrants
- Industry and economy
  - small businesses, agriculture, creative industries  
tourism, public sector employment
- Deprivation
  - not generally deprived but pockets exist
- Health
  - generally above average health with some inequalities by gender and area
- Cohesion
  - rural isolation (50%+ live in sparse or very sparse areas), affordable housing, economic/lifestyle migration

# What are you trying to achieve?

***“Our collective vision is: North Yorkshire - a place of equal opportunity where all can develop their full potential, participate in a flourishing economy, live and thrive in secure communities, see their high-quality environment and cultural assets maintained and enhanced, and receive effective support when they need it.”***

# North Yorkshire - ambitions

- Access to services and public transport
- Affordable housing
- Alcohol
- Children and young people
- Community cohesion
- Community safety
- Economy and enterprise
- Environment
- Health and wellbeing
- Older People

# North Yorkshire – positives

## **As a young person living in North Yorkshire you:**

- Are more likely to achieve good GCSE results
- Are more likely to receive good support if you're 'looked after'

## **As an older person living North Yorkshire you:**

- Receive co-ordinated support to help you live independently
- Are helped to stay fit and healthy
- Have increasing opportunities to access extra care housing

## **As a person with mental health problems or learning disabilities living in North Yorkshire you:**

- Are supported to live at home

## **As a citizen living in North Yorkshire you:**

- Are more likely to feel safe in the area where you live
- Are more likely to be happy with the quality of public services
- Are more likely to be happy with the quality of the environment
- Are more likely to live longer than any previous generation

# North Yorkshire - challenges

You know that in some areas your people are more likely:

- live in poor quality housing
- have a less healthy lifestyle
- be unemployed
- underachieve in education and skills training
- be a teenage parent, and
- die younger.

**compared to the majority of areas in North Yorkshire.**

Are you making a difference?



Are you making a difference?



**How well do local partners understand the needs and aspirations of their diverse communities?**

# How well do local partners understand the needs and aspirations of their diverse communities?

## Progress/strengths....

- consultation to shape services and LAA priorities
- understanding of the challenges in the area
- recognise areas of deprivation
- clear agreed focus by partners on right priorities
- focus on social exclusion and needs of most vulnerable
- SCS and LAA reflect areas of focus

## Need to know more about....

- longer term ambitions
- progress in further developing community engagement
- how partners are maximising opportunities to share learning
- approach to those whose circumstances make them vulnerable

**How well do local partners deliver outcomes and improvement?**

**What are the prospects for improvement?  
(using access and affordable housing as examples)**

# Access to Services and Transport

## Progress/strengths....

- 26 per cent increase in citizens living within 5 miles of a joint access centre (June 2008)
- partnership working to deliver better access especially in rural areas
- improving bus and rail services, community transport, taxis and public transport information
- Centre of Excellence for local transport delivery
- Improvements in IT infrastructure eg NYnet

## Need to know more about...

- how transport planning is integrated across partners
- relationship with areas outside the county borders eg city regions
- how inequalities in digital access are being tackled

# Affordable Housing – prospects for improvement

Actions may not be sufficient to achieve the desired outcomes for

- Delivery of affordable housing

.... therefore we need to find out more about the detail of your improvement actions.

# Big questions in AC minds

- How sustainable (and cohesive) are NY's most remote communities?
  - Prompts include: affordable housing, ageing population, transport, digital access, worklessness, lack of opportunity, migration (in and out)
- Are public organisations providing value for money and planning now for future constraints?
  - Prompts include: progress on enhanced joint working, shared services, asset use, JACs
- How are the needs and aspirations of the vulnerable or excluded identified and met?
  - Prompts include: self-evaluation, have 'hot spots' remained the same through time (if so is something different now planned), impact of JSNA

# Next steps!

## Refine AC picture by:

- joining up assessment with other regulators (8 July) to agreed shared emerging picture;
- incorporating results of National Indicators and Place Survey;
- engaging with you to:
  - fill the gaps in our knowledge;
  - enhance our understanding; and
  - develop a shared view on the key issues.

## Revisit the LSP Executive?