

North Yorkshire Strategic Partnership – Executive Key Messages from the meeting on 25 June 2009

The **NYSP Executive** met on 25 June 2009 at Conyngham Hall, Knaresborough.

Mike Newbury, Lead Inspector from the Audit Commission for the **Comprehensive Area Assessment** (CAA), presented on the emerging picture for North Yorkshire and the next steps in the process. Two priority areas, namely Access to Services and Public Transport and Affordable Housing, were drawn out as examples. Strengths identified included consultations used to shape services and LAA principles, and the joint access centres. Areas where more information is needed included understanding how partners are maximising opportunities to share learning and how transport planning is integrated across partners. There will be a roundtable meeting of the key regulators on 8 July to sign off the joint emerging picture. Results from the Place Survey and National Indicators will be incorporated, along with a period of further engagement with partners to fill gaps in knowledge and develop a shared view on the issues. Mike will return to the 1 October meeting of the NYSP Executive to follow up on his report. A copy of his presentation can be found at www.nyssp.org.uk/executive.

Following on from Mike Newbury's presentation, the Executive discussed the final draft of the **Area Self-Evaluation** and agreed that it needs to be reviewed to ensure that any further evidence that may be required by the Audit Commission is in place within the document.

The Executive agreed to developing a countywide plan on **PREVENT**. As this workstream cuts across the Safer and Stronger/Rural Thematic Partnerships, it was also agreed that the NYSP Executive would be the best place to report back on progress. The Executive also supported a partnership funding bid for workforce development.

It was agreed that the NYSP would support a bid to the Department for Work and Pensions' **Future Jobs Fund**, which aims to reduce the number of young, unemployed people.

A report was received on the strategic planning and delivery components in place across North Yorkshire in relation to **domestic abuse**.

Further to recent discussions at the Executive around **partnerships governance**, a report was given on the outcomes of the single self-assessment undertaken through the developing NYCC framework against the NYSP Partnership and Executive. The assessment highlighted several 'gap' issues in the current arrangements for these two components of the NYSP, which will require some broad protocols to be developed to address them and to ensure greater robustness. It was agreed that a short but overarching document will be developed for both the Executive and Partnership,

incorporating statements covering the gap areas. A draft will be presented to the 1st October NYSP Executive meeting.

A year-end performance update was provided for the **Local Area Agreement 2008/11** (LAA 2). Progress overall has been good and those few targets which are of concern have associated action plans to mitigate any problems. The report also incorporated a summary of the key findings of the risk-assessment recently undertaken for each Thematic Partnership (TP) around such issues as identifying the targets of highest risk and assessing the robustness of TP action in taking action around such targets. The Executive also reviewed carry-forward for the **Pump Priming Grant for LAA 1** and it was agreed that the Chair would contact each of the TP Chairs over the coming month to consider how this could best be allocated.

Planning is underway for the next **NYSP Partnership meeting**, to be held on **10 September 2009**. The key topic will be climate change and the NYSP response to this, along with a presentation from the MOD on military and civil integration.

Place Survey – results have just been published and a quick comparison indicates that North Yorkshire has performed better than average nationally and regionally. Further analysis will be done in the next few weeks.

A marketplace of 15 stalls will be available at this year's **Wider Partnership conference**, to be held on 15 October 2009 at the Pavilions of Harrogate and the Executive agreed a number of specific themes or organisations to be targeted to host these. Further details on the conference will be available later in the summer via the NYSP website at www.nysp.org.uk/widerpartnership.

Dates for the Diary:

NYSP Executive meeting: Thursday 1st October 2009, 2:30pm, County Hall, Northallerton.

NYSP Partnership meeting: Thursday 10th September 2009, 2:30pm, County Hall, Northallerton.

For further information about any aspect of these key messages and the work of the NYSP please contact diane.parsons@northyorks.gov.uk The papers for the meeting are available on the NYSP website www.nysp.org.uk/executive