

North Yorkshire Strategic Partnership - Executive

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LAA Funding – Report on end of year outturn 2007/08

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To give an update on the position in relation to LAA Funding as at the end of 2007/08, and on potential issues that have been highlighted through financial monitoring.

2.0 YEAR END POSITION

- 2.1 The schedule at **Appendix 1** summarises the financial position in relation to LAA Pooled Funding and PPG as at 31 March 2008 for each LAA Theme. A more detailed analysis is given for each Theme in **Appendices 2 to 5**.

3.0 LAA POOLED FUNDING – REVENUE

- 3.1 Expenditure against the allocations of LAA Pooled Funding (Revenue) as at 31 March 2008 was £4210k against a full year allocation of £4940k (see **Appendix 1, Section A**). The forecast outturn at Quarter 3 was £4461k.
- 3.2 The underspend against the Children & Young People's Theme is £588k (compared to a predicted underspend of £440k at Quarter 3) (see **Appendix 2** for details). This reflects the fact that in the past many of the funding streams included in the LAA have been allocated on an academic year basis, (i.e. to support expenditure up to the end of August rather than the end of March). As mentioned in the Quarter 3 monitoring report, this underspend is requested to be carried forward into 2008/09 by North Yorkshire County Council (CYPS).
- 3.3 The underspend against the Safer Communities Theme is £18k (compared to a predicted break-even position at Quarter 3) (see **Appendix 3** for details). This is due to initiatives being scheduled into 2008/09. A request to carry forward £18k into 2008/09 has been received from Craven District Council.
- 3.4 The underspend against the Stronger Communities Theme is £124k (compared to a predicted underspend of £38k at Quarter 3) (see **Appendix 4** for details). This is made up of the following items:
- (i) an underspend of £84k on the Aggregates Levy Sustainability Fund due to projects that have slipped into 2008/09. This issue was highlighted at Quarter 3, when there was a predicted underspend of £38k. This underspend is requested to be carried forward into 2008/09 by the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust

- (ii) an underspend of £37k on the Hambleton District Council Waste Performance and Efficiency Grant – this has been fully utilised by Hambleton District Council to fund capital expenditure in 2007/08 (see **paragraph 4.3** below)
- (iii) an underspend of £2k on the Ryedale District Council Waste Performance and Efficiency Grant, which is requested to be carried forward into 2008/09

4.0 LAA POOLED FUNDING – CAPITAL

- 4.1 Expenditure against the allocations of LAA Pooled Funding (Capital) as at 31 March 2008 was £798k against a full year allocation of £777k (see **Appendix 1, Section B**).
- 4.2 The underspend against the Safer Communities Theme is £16k (compared to a predicted underspend of £15k at Quarter 3) (see **Appendix 3** for details). This is made up of the following items:
 - (i) an underspend of £8k on the Hambleton District Council SSCF grant, which is requested to be carried forward into 2008/09
 - (ii) an underspend of £7k on the Harrogate District Council SSCF grant, which is requested to be carried forward into 2008/09
- 4.3 There is an overspend against the Stronger Communities Theme of £37k; (see **Appendix 4**) this is fully offset by the underspend mentioned at **paragraph 3.4 (ii)** above.

5.0 PUMP PRIMING GRANT (PPG)

- 5.1 A total of £1305k has been allocated to support the stretch targets (including additional survey work), of which £260k was originally profiled for spend in 2007/08. Spend to 31 March 2008 is £205k (see **Appendix 1, Section C**).
- 5.2 Detail by Thematic Partnership is given in **Appendices 2 to 5**, including reference as to whether any variance was highlighted at Quarter 3. All variances against individual PPG allocations are requested for carry forward into 2008/09. A separate report on PPG in the context of performance against stretch targets is given at **Item 5 (ii)**.

6.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 6.1 It is recommended that the requests for carry forward of LAA Pooled Funding and PPG as detailed in **paragraphs 3.2/3.4, 4.2 and 5.1** be approved.

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