

North Yorkshire Strategic Partnership - Executive

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LAA Governance Arrangements

1 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To inform NYSP Executive members of the updated North Yorkshire Local Area Agreement (NYLAA) 2008/11 Governance Arrangements document which reflects the new LAA arrangements and ask partners to agree their support for the document.

2 Background

- 2.1 In 2007, partner organisations delivering public services within North Yorkshire entered into a three year Local Area Agreement 2007/10 with the Government, covering the period 1 April 2007 to 31 March 2010. The LAA 2007/10 contained outcomes, indicators and targets in respect of local priorities for improvement in services and economic prosperity in the North Yorkshire area. A number of targets (19) were stretch targets and if achieved at the end of the period, then performance reward grant will be payable by the Government. These targets have been carried forward into the new LAA under the previous terms which applied.
- 2.2 Partner organisations have previously agreed to follow a LAA Governance document setting out the formal governance arrangements for the LAA 2007/10. This document made sound provisions for; decisions about project delivery, project management and allocation of funds; and, agreements about responsibilities of partners in relation to the work of the NYSP and delivery of its projects.
- 2.3 Since the implementation of the first LAA, the LAA framework has developed and has been placed on a statutory footing by virtue of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.
- 2.4 NYCC has worked with its Partners to produce a new LAA under this statutory framework, to run from 1 April 2008 to 31 March 2011, in line with the three years of the Comprehensive Spending Review. The NYLAA 2008/11 is based on, and is essentially the delivery vehicle for, the vision and key priorities for the North Yorkshire area as set out within the Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS).
- 2.5 The LAA translates these objectives into Local Improvement Targets to secure improvement in the economic, social and environmental wellbeing of North Yorkshire over the three year period of the LAA.
- 2.6 Following the development of the LAA framework and the production of the new LAA there has been the need to update the LAA Governance Arrangements document, to reflect these changes. The amended Governance document is attached at Appendix 1.

3 Governance Document Aims

- 3.1 The aim of the Governance Document is to highlight the statutory LAA process and to set out the framework for the operation and management of the NYLAA.
- 3.2 In essence the Governance Document is a statement of good faith and commitment and is not intended to create any legal partnership between the Partners. It records the agreed working arrangements between the different Partner organisations in relation to the LAA process.

4 Recommendation

- 4.1 To agree the North Yorkshire Local Area Agreement Governance Document.

5 Appendices

- 5.1 Appendix 1 - North Yorkshire Local Area Agreement Governance Document.

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