

North Yorkshire Strategic Partnership - Executive

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LAA Quarter 1 Financial Monitoring Report

1 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 This report is being provided to give an update on the position in relation to LAA Funding as at the end of June 2008/09, and on potential issues that have been highlighted through financial monitoring.

2 Year End Position

- 2.1 The schedule at **Appendix 1** summarises the financial position in relation to LAA Pooled Funding and PPG as at 30th June 2008 for each LAA Theme. A more detailed analysis is given for each Theme in **Appendices 2 to 5**.

3 LAA Pooled Funding (carried forward from 2007/08)

- 3.1 A total of £709k LAA Pooled Funding has been carried forward from 2007/08 to support LAA outcomes. Expenditure against these allocations as at 30th June 2008 was as £9k – see **Appendix 1, Section A**. The following paragraphs give more detail in relation to individual Themes.
- 3.2 £587k of the LAA Pooled Funding relates to the Children & Young People theme. Most of this funding (£466k) has been allocated to support a very large project (over £3m) for upgrading school kitchens to meet requirements on gas ventilation. The remaining smaller allocations will be used in 2008/09 for YOT (£77k), Positive Activities for Young People (£30k) and Performance & Outcomes (£15k). Based on the returns received there had been nil expenditure against these allocations to Q1 (see **Appendix 3, Section A**), but it is expected that this funding should be fully spent later in the financial year.
- 3.3 A total of £34k LAA Pooled Funding has been carried forward from 2007/08 to support LAA outcomes falling under the Safer Communities Theme. Based on the returns received there had been nil expenditure against these allocations to Q1 (see **Appendix 4, Section A**). With respect to those items for which a Q1 return has been received it is expected that the funding should be fully spent later in the financial year. However there were a number of returns outstanding, for which an updated position is not known. These returns are being chased with the partners concerned.
- 3.5 A total of £87k LAA Pooled Funding has been carried forward from 2007/08 to support LAA outcomes falling under the Stronger Communities Theme. Based on the returns received there had been £9k expenditure against these allocations to Q1 (see **Appendix 5, Section A**). With respect to those items for which a Q1 return has been received it is expected that the funding should be fully spent later in the financial year. However there were a number of returns outstanding, for

which an updated position is not known. These returns are being chased with the partners concerned.

4 Pump Priming Grant (PPG)

4.1 A total of £1305k has been allocated to support the stretch targets (including additional survey work), of which £628k has been profiled for spend in 2008/09, including carry-forwards totalling £116k from 2007/08. Based on returns received there had been £87k expenditure against these allocations to Q1 (see **Appendix 1, Section B**). The following issues are worth highlighting in respect of the position on PPG:

- A number of partners had not submitted Q1 financial returns at the time of drafting the report. These partners are being chased for their submissions.
- In many areas, across most Themes, expenditure to date against PPG is relatively low. It must be reiterated that the PPG is time limited, and can only support expenditure up to 31st March 2010. Although there are some clear reasons why, in individual cases, spend to date is low, partners will be asked to review their spending plans for the remainder of the period, confirming whether their full PPG allocation will be utilised within the time limit.

4.2 There is currently £27k of unallocated PPG, **Item 5(ii)** details a bid against this sum.

5 Recommendations

5.1 That the current position be noted, and that partners be requested to submit reviewed spending plans and, where relevant, the outstanding financial returns.

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