

North Yorkshire Strategic Partnership – Executive Key Messages from the meeting on 2 October 2008

The **NYSP Executive** met on 2 October 2008 at County Hall, Northallerton.

Grahame Maxwell, Chief Constable, North Yorkshire Police reported on the **Prevent Strategy** and asked the Executive to consider how this might be taken forward across North Yorkshire. Prevent is a key part of the national CONTEST Strategy, which aims to prevent people from becoming or supporting violent extremists. It was agreed that the strategic lead for the Prevent workstream should come from the York and North Yorkshire Safer Communities Forum, although regard needs to be given to the appropriate involvement of other partnerships. The Police will take the lead in helping all partners to understand the nature of the issues around extremism and the county's linkage with this national agenda, as well as helping partners to understand what part they play in delivering it.

An update was provided from the task and finish group around the development of a **NYSP community engagement and neighbourhood management framework**. The group will be consulting on the draft framework with partners, including Local Strategic Partnerships.

The Executive also agreed to the setting up of a task and finish group to consider options around developing the County Council's work on Neighbourhood Profiles into a **Local Information System (LIS)** for the NYSP. The LIS has the potential to be a key resource for both partners and members of the public needing to access data about their locality. The group will need to review resources, funding and other issues before presenting a preferred solution to the NYSP Executive next year.

A report was presented by Cynthia Welbourn, on behalf of the Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership, on the issue of **children and young people who witness domestic abuse**, which is a key priority within the new Children and Young People's Plan.

The Executive discussed the forthcoming **Comprehensive Area Assessment (CAA)**. A joint NYSP response to the Audit Commission's consultation on the CAA methodology was agreed. The issue of locality self-evaluations was also discussed. Although not a requirement of the CAA, the Audit Commission will expect each area to complete one and that it will be robust. The Executive agreed that a NYSP locality self-evaluation should be developed and the existing LAA Officer Group, with some additions made to its representation, will be tasked with drafting the self-evaluation document.

An update was provided on progress against the **Local Area Agreement 2008/11**. It was noted that the difficulties in achieving progress against the affordable housing target are

not unique to North Yorkshire. It was agreed that partners need to at least ensure that they have documented and demonstrated the actions being taken.

A discussion took place regarding the structure of **future NYSP Partnership meetings** and how the engagement of partners could be maximised. The Executive agreed that it might be useful to focus on just one or two issues in future and to potentially introduce pertinent cross-cutting topics, rather than focussing on the individual priorities of the Sustainable Community Strategy. Presentations could also be delivered by key members from the Executive or Thematic Partnerships around cross-cutting issues with a view to stimulating more discussion from other partners.

Dates for the Diary:

Next NYSP Executive meeting: Thursday 8th January 2009, 2:30pm, Conyngham Hall, Knaresborough.

Wider Partnership Conference: 17th October 2008, Pavilions of Harrogate.

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/html/nysp/executive/papers-and-minutes/