

North Yorkshire Strategic Partnership - Executive

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Planning for the NYSP Wider Partnership Conference 2009

1 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To ask the Executive to consider proposals for workshop sessions for the 2009 Wider Partnership conference and to provide recommendations for two additional cross-cutting topics.

- 2 The 2009 Wider Partnership conference will be held on Thursday 15th October 2009 at the Pavilions of Harrogate. Greater capacity has been secured at the venue this year to enable up to 250 delegates to attend. Work is underway to develop the broad theme for the event and consider potential speakers. An update will be provided to the Executive in June on progress with these aspects.

3 Workshop Sessions

- 3.1 Consideration needs to be given to the development of workshop sessions. There will be opportunity for two different sets of workshop sessions running either side of a short mid-morning break. At the January 2009 NYSP Executive meeting, it was agreed that:

- workshops would each run for a full hour;
- six workshops will focus on the Thematic Partnerships (TPs);
- the remaining workshops will look at pertinent cross-cutting issues.

- 3.2 Topics will need to be set for the TP workshops in the next few months in liaison with the Thematic Partnership Chairs, along with decisions around who to involve to help lead on or facilitate sessions.

- 3.3 It is proposed that another six workshop sessions are provided late-morning for one hour to cover a range of cross-cutting issues. Six sessions will again provide adequately for the maximum number of delegates to be able to contribute effectively. Below are some potential topics for consideration. The Executive are asked to consider these suggestions and provide recommendations for an additional two sessions.

- **A Thriving Third Sector** – looking at how the statutory and voluntary sectors can work better together on NYSP aims;
- **The NYSP Community Engagement and Neighbourhood Management Framework;**
- **Equalities** – e.g. looking at equality in access to services in North Yorkshire;
- **Public perceptions and behaviour change** – a session looking at, for example, what motivates people to do something positive about climate change and how an understanding of this can influence partners' work.

4 Recommendations

- 4.1 That the Thematic Partnership Chairs agree to consider topics for Thematic Partnership-focussed workshops, in liaison with the Policy and Partnerships Unit;
- 4.2 That the Executive agree the four proposals for cross-cutting workshop session themes and consider two additional theme areas/ideas.

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