

North Yorkshire Strategic Partnership - Executive

30 April 2009 (for advance circulation)

LAA Quarter 3 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 December 2008, and on potential issues that have been highlighted through financial monitoring.

2 Current Position

- 2.1 The schedule at **Appendix 1** summarises the financial position in relation to LAA Pooled Funding and PPG as at 31st December 2008 for each LAA Theme. A more detailed analysis is given for each Theme in **Appendices 2 to 6**.

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 31st December 2008 was £656k – see **Appendix 1, Section A**. The following paragraphs give more detail in relation to individual Themes. It is expected that this funding will be fully spent by the end of the financial year.

4 Pump Priming Grant (PPG)

- 4.1 A total of £1330k has been allocated to support the stretch targets (including additional survey work), of which £617k has been profiled for spend in 2008/09, including carry-forwards totalling £70k from 2007/08. These figures are after reducing the allocation to additional surveys by £19k to £6k to reflect revised requirement. There had been £271k expenditure against these allocations to Q3 (see **Appendix 1, Section B**). The forecast outturn for 2008/09 is £426k, an underspend of £191k against the £617k, most of which represents requests to re-profile PPG allocation into 2009/10.
- 4.2 The following issues were highlighted in January in respect of the position on PPG:
- 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 are being asked to update their spending plans for the remainder of the period, confirming whether their full PPG allocation will be utilised within the time limit. In cases where funding cannot be utilised within the timescale it will allow the NYSP to re-allocate the funding to stretch target priorities rather than risk losing the funding.

- There is currently £20.8k of unallocated PPG (including the £19k freed up from the additional surveys allocation). The allocation of this funding needs to be addressed, and it is suggested that Thematic Partnerships consider this alongside reviewing spending plans for stretch targets, and refer any proposals to the next meeting of the NYSP.

Feedback has been received in respect of most stretch targets. These returns will be analysed and reported to the NYSP Executive meeting on April 30th 2009.

5 Recommendations

- That the current position be noted.

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