

# North Yorkshire Strategic Partnership - Executive

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## Local Information System

### **1 Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 To report on the progress made towards the development of a sub regional Local Information System and to recommend a course of action.

### **2 Background**

2.1 In October 2008 the NYSP agreed in principle to the development of a Local Information System, and established a Steering Group to take this forward. This Group has met regularly since then and has reported on progress on a twice yearly basis. In April 2009 the NYSP Executive agreed to the key features of the system, and agreed that progress should continue, and certain milestones were set. A full set of the milestones, against which it was agreed that the project should be judged, are listed below alongside the progress made.

2.2 Since April 2009 the following milestones have been achieved:

<b>Milestone</b>	<b>Achievement</b>
<b>Neighbourhood profiles:</b>	
Complete a full set of neighbourhood profiles by May 2009	All profiles were completed by June 2009
Enable access to neighbourhood profiles via the NYCC website with a link from the NYSP website by May 2009	All profiles were placed onto the NYCC website on 15 June 2009. A link was subsequently created from the NYSP website.
Provide a range of on line interactive maps of the profiled data by July 2009	Purchase of InstantAtlas by NYCC enabled an improved (interactive) mapping of data on a ward basis in Summer 2009
Develop updated and refined profiles with a wider range of data sets by October 2009	The range of data sets included is being expanded on an ongoing basis in consultation with partners.
<b>Crime and disorder:</b>	
Complete work for the Community Safety Agreement by June 2009	The CSA was produced on time.
Agree arrangements for the production of the next round of JSIAs by May 2009	The second series of JSIAs have now been produced to the agreed timescale.

<b>Joint Strategic Needs Assessment</b>	
Support the development of JSNA district summaries as required – April/May 2009	This work was supported, and the next JSNA is also now being supported.
Provide data for further JSNA development as required from June to December 2009	This is now in hand, to the timetable agreed.
<b>LIS development</b>	
Share information about partners' IT interfaces, resources and agree data sets to be shared by Sept 2009	Interface and IT information was shared, and a basic IT architecture for the LIS has been agreed. Data sets to be shared are being progressively considered.
Agree data sharing protocols with partners by September 2009	Data sharing protocols still have to be finalised, and this will follow the procurement of the LIS, to ensure they accurately represent the needs of the system.
Arrange joint meeting with York CC, Fire and Police to discuss the involvement of York CC in the project	York CC has formally agreed to be part of the North Yorkshire LIS Partnership arrangements.
Test transfer of data by October 2009	Data is now being received from a wider range of partners, principally to support the JSIA development. Further work is required on an ongoing basis to improve data collection.
Develop system specification for web based LIS by November 2009	The draft specification has been circulated widely and is now being finalised before the procurement process formally begins in January.
Assess potential to build on LASOS system by December 2010	Legally it has been established that the NYSP will have to undertake a formal procurement process for the LIS purchase, and we will not be able to extend the LASOS system. It is, however, part of the requirements, that all the LIS systems within the region should be able to readily exchange data.

Other significant elements of progress made include:

- The Regional Improvement and Efficiency Programme (RIEP) have allocated significant resources to the development of data observatories within the Yorkshire and Humber Region.
- The RIEP have agreed to the projects being developed on a sub regional basis and the basis of the financial allocation, which provides approx £100 – 150k for this sub region.
- As well as continuing the Steering Group, a Local Authority Group has been established ( now chaired by an officer from Harrogate BC) to ensure that the District Councils are all fully apprised of developments.

- A half day partnership event was held on 5 November to agree the basic IT architecture of the system and commit to the data sharing processes required.
- A Procurement Group has been established within NYCC to lead the procurement process not only for the North Yorkshire and York Partnership, but also to enable other sub regional partnerships to use this process if they so wish for their system purchase.
- It appears likely that the Humber sub region will wish to take advantage of the NYSP and York procurement process.

### **3 Next steps**

3.1 The Steering Group will continue to meet regularly to:

- Finalise the specification for the system and act as consultees to the Procurement Group
- Develop the data sharing protocols
- Agree the data sets that will form the core of the system
- Agree timetables for the data sharing developments once the system is purchased

The Procurement Group will aim to procure the most favourable contract for the partnership within the next 9-12 months.

The Local Authority Group will continue to meet to ensure that the District Councils are all engaged in the underpinning work needed for this major development and informed of the progress made towards procurement.

### **4 Recommendations**

- 4.1 That the NYSP Executive note the progress made to date.
- 4.2 That partner organisations continue to support the project through the development, procurement and implementation processes.

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