

North Yorkshire Strategic Partnership - Executive

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Responding to the Recession Update

1 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 At the meeting of the NYSP Executive on the 1 October a report was considered which gave a draft response to the key lines of enquiry produced in the Audit Commission's publications "When it comes to the crunch... how councils are responding to the recession". It was agreed that partners would put forward further contributions and consideration would be given to additional areas where the NYSP could help to deal with the recession and / or plan for the recovery.
- 1.2 This report therefore provides an update on that position following further contributions from some partners.

2 Background

- 2.1 As reported previously, the response to the recession has taken place at all spatial levels and in response to economic and / or social impacts.
- 2.2 **Appendix 1** provides an updated response to the key lines of enquiry put forward by the Audit Commission. As is evident from the response, there is a wealth of data available to the NYSP and its constituent organisations. Arrangements are in place in order to ensure that information remains readily available and appropriate action can then be taken. This will be critical as it is recognised that, even as the country pulls out of recession, increases in unemployment and businesses entering administration remain key issues and are often more significant than during the recession itself.
- 2.3 **Appendix 2** provides some detailed update of the impact of the recession specifically on the Third Sector. This work produced by NYFVO also includes confidence survey results conducted in the third sector in recent months.

3 Next Steps

- 3.1 Given that the emphasis moves from dealing with the recession to preparing and implementing for the recovery, it is suggested that the following areas are worthy of further consideration, either by the NYSP collectively or by other sub regional fora.

- Ongoing consideration of the impact of the recession upon the Third Sector (for example demand for Citizens Advice Bureau support).
- Deployment Total Place type thinking in order to ensure that NYSP partners do not make decisions which result in financial burdens being passed to other partners.

4 Recommendations

4.1 The NYSP Executive is requested to

- a) Note the updated checklist produced
- b) Note and comment upon the areas of additional activity identified in paragraph 3.1
- c) Continue to identify any further actions which it is felt may help to deal with the impact of the recession and / or plan for the recovery

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