

North Yorkshire Strategic Partnership - Executive

7 January 2010

Refresh of the Sustainable Community Strategy and LAA

1 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To update the Executive on the forward timetable for refreshing the Sustainable Community Strategy and Local Area Agreement and seek comments on this outline process.

2 Refresh Process

- 2.1 During 2010, a period of development work will be undertaken to simultaneously refresh both the Sustainable Community Strategy 2008/18 (SCS) and Local Area Agreement 2008/11 (LAA). This will ensure that their key themes and targets continue to reflect the priorities of North Yorkshire's communities. The rationale behind this process is not to begin from a 'blank canvas' or to seek to add significantly in volume to the current SCS and priorities and LAA indicators, but to ensure that the documents continue to reflect local priorities, supported by robust evidence.
- 2.2 This process will be initiated in January 2010 with a consultation including all NYSP partners, other stakeholders and the public on the themes and priorities of the current SCS to identify whether these still reflect the priorities of local communities. Simultaneously, LSP Co-ordinators and Thematic Partnerships will be asked to identify performance indicators (ideally from the National Indicator Set) which will enable progress and delivery of key SCS priorities to be monitored appropriately.
- 2.3 A report will subsequently be brought to the NYSP Executive on 15th April 2010 with the collated themes, priorities and suggested LAA indicators. Drafting work on the revised SCS and LAA will take place between May and June 2010, with a consultation draft circulated to all partners and stakeholders for comment between the end of July and the end of October 2010 (following prior approval of the draft from the NYSP Executive).
- 2.4 The NYSP Executive will ultimately be asked to approve the final drafts of the SCS and LAA at the end of January 2011, with the SCS going to a full meeting of the County Council for final approval in February 2011. Both documents will come into effect from 1st April 2011.
- 2.5 Enclosed at Appendix 1 is an outline timetable which provides more detail on this process and who will be engaged at each stage.
- 2.6 A note was circulated to all LAA Officers, Thematic Partnership leads, LSP Co-ordinators NYSP partners and other stakeholders during November 2009, providing the enclosed timetable and seeking particular assistance from Thematic Partnerships and LSP Co-ordinators in planning for their input into

Stage 1 of this process (Jan to March 2010). This is also enclosed for information at Appendix 2.

- 2.6 A Sustainability Appraisal will be undertaken in tandem with this refresh process, with a draft report to be circulated to all stakeholders with the consultation drafts of the SCS and LAA in the summer of 2010.

3 Recommendations

- 3.1 That NYSP Executive members note the report and provide any comments as necessary on the proposed refresh process.

4 APPENDICES

- 4.1 Appendix 1 – Outline Timetable of Development Work 2010/11
Appendix 2 – Copy of note requesting input into the SCS and LAA refresh, as circulated to all NYSP partners and other stakeholder – Nov 2009.

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