

## North Yorkshire Strategic Partnership – Executive Key Messages from the meeting on 7 October 2010

The **NYSP Executive** met on 7 October 2010 at County Hall, Northallerton.

No firm date has been given by central government yet for a decision on **Local Enterprise Partnerships**, although this is expected in the next few weeks. Additionally, Local Government North Yorkshire and York will be meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2010 and will be considering a proposal to form a task group to **review partnership arrangements** in the sub-region and whether there is scope to rationalise some of these. [Post meeting note – Local Government North Yorkshire and York agreed to the proposal.]

Following discussions at the Thematic Partnership Chairs' meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> September, the Executive gave further consideration to the refresh of the **Sustainable Community Strategy for North Yorkshire 2008/18**. There is currently a statutory duty to have a sustainable community strategy and no change to this is anticipated in the forthcoming Localism Bill. The Executive agreed that any revised strategy must contain only three of four collective priorities in order to be sustainable and to focus on the collective issues which most require effective partnership working. It was agreed that the Thematic Partnerships will spend some time considering what these collective priorities may be in the next few months, ahead of the next NYSP Executive in February 2011. Another meeting of Thematic Partnership Chairs will be arranged before the end of the year to progress this. If new priorities can be agreed in February 2011 then work will go forward on developing a revised strategy around these areas, to include some element of stakeholder consultation.

The Executive reviewed draft proposals from the Thematic Partnerships for the use of **Performance Reward Grant**. Thematic Partnerships will continue to develop their bids over the next few months. It was emphasised that bids need to be strategic as well as sustainable and innovative. There also needs to be further consideration around how bids can support Big Society principles and build capacity within the voluntary and community sector. Proposals will come forward via proforma for formal sign-off at the NYSP Executive in February 2011. It was also agreed that 10% of the final PRG allocation awarded to each of the five relevant Thematic Partnerships will be provided to the voluntary and community sector. Members considered a paper from the North Yorkshire Forum for Voluntary Organisations with proposals for the use of **PRG designated to the voluntary and community sector (VCS)**. It was agreed that this allocation will be managed by the York and North Yorkshire Community Foundation, with £200,000 to go into a small-grant fund for VCS organisations and around £410,000 to be placed in a flexible endowment fund.

An update paper was taken from the Adults Strategic Partnership (ASP) regarding **“Ageing Well”**; a central government programme focussing on supporting local solutions to improve quality of life for older people. Whilst the ASP feels that it is not the right time currently to take up some of the elements of this programme, it was agreed that it would

be useful to pursue a bespoke training programme to be developed by Local Government Improvement and Development to work with elected Members at both district and county levels.

Janet Waggott gave a short verbal update regarding progress on **climate change**. It was agreed that Executive members will consider who their strategic leads are on climate change to help progress work on this. It was also agreed that a couple of key priorities should be agreed among partners and handed over to Sustainability for Yorkshire for them to help deliver.

Nigel Hutchinson presented an update on **domestic abuse**. It was acknowledged that a key factor in tackling domestic abuse levels in North Yorkshire is the stabilisation of the domestic abuse co-ordinator posts in the long term and as such this should be considered a high joint priority.

The **NYSP conference** will be taking place on 8<sup>th</sup> November. It will focus on the challenges and opportunities facing partners following the Comprehensive Spending Review announcements on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2010. It will also be an opportunity for NYSP partners to feed in ideas about what the collective priorities for North Yorkshire should be in the medium term. Workshops will therefore not be thematically-focussed but will facilitate a dialogue between partners on these issues.

Nigel Hutchinson raised the issue of **provision for CCTV** across the county. The Safer Communities Forum is looking at current provision and whether more effective use could be made of resources. Members gave their support to a review of current provision and look at different ways of providing CCTV.

### **Dates for the Diary:**

#### **NYSP Executive meetings:**

- Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2011, 2:30pm, Athena House, York.
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2011, 2:30pm, County Hall, Northallerton.
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2011, 2:30pm, County Hall, Northallerton.
- Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2011, 2:30pm, The Hamlet, Hornbeam Park, Harrogate.

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