

North Yorkshire Strategic Partnership - Executive

7 October 2010

Thematic Partnership updates

1 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To highlight recent activity and progress by the Healthier Communities Thematic Partnership and the Stronger/Rural Partnership.

2 At the Executive meeting of 15th April 2010, members agreed that a standing item would be taken from two of the Thematic Partnerships at each Executive. The purpose of this would be to provide an update on recent activity and progress within the relevant Thematic Partnerships and provide an opportunity for further discussion at the Executive level.

3 On 7th October 2010, the focus will be on the Healthier Communities and Stronger/Rural Thematic Partnerships.

4 It was also agreed that the updates provided by Thematic Partnerships for the quarterly NYSP newsletter could be used as the basis for this report. The last NYSP newsletter was published in August 2010 and included updates from the Healthier Communities and Stronger/Rural Thematic Partnerships. Enclosed at Annex A are the two newsletter updates.

5 It is recommended that the Children's Trust and the Adults Strategic Partnership provide updates for the November newsletter and the 10th February 2011 meeting of the NYSP Executive.

6 Recommendations

- 6.1 That members note the update reports provided by the Thematic Partnerships; and
- 6.2 Agree that Children's and Adults will provide the next updates at the February 2011 meeting.

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Healthier Communities Thematic Partnership

The Healthier Communities Thematic Partnership continues to meet quarterly. Our focus in the past 12 months has been on our priorities in the Sustainable Community Strategy and the targets we lead on in the Local Area Agreement. This includes childhood obesity, alcohol-related harm, smoking in pregnancy, reducing teenage pregnancy, adult participation in sport and tackling health inequalities.

We are really pleased to have achieved a 'partial stretch' with our target to reduce the number of women who smoke while they are pregnant. The national target for 2010 was 15%, and we agreed to try and achieve 13% by the last quarter of 2009/10 in North Yorkshire. We achieved 13.4% which was a significant achievement against a very challenging target. In the future we would like to widen our target to reducing smoking prevalence in general, although we will continue to focus on specific groups such as pregnant women and manual workers.

At the moment the partnership is looking at the most effective ways to spend our performance reward grant from LAA1.

With big changes underway for all partners, we will continue to work together to champion the health and wellbeing of our communities.

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York and North Yorkshire Rural Partnership – Stronger Communities

The Partnership has reviewed its terms of reference and membership and has given detailed consideration to its role. The activities of the Stronger/Rural Partnership are very diverse. It has been necessary to make sure that the activities and other partnerships (waste, environment, housing etc) which fall within the remit of the wider thematic partnership are given ample opportunity to inform and influence the Thematic Partnership Group thus avoiding any duplication on unnecessary bureaucracy.

The Partnership has two distinct areas of work and has agreed to split its business into two of the following areas: "stronger community" based on issues of access, transport, third sector, community engagement and cohesion and environment. The Rural Partnership focuses on rural issues and challenges and articulates the needs of the sub region in addition to being the rural advocate. The Rural Partnership supports partners in rural proofing their services and horizon scans to determine future priorities and challenges.

The Partnership has strengthened its commitment to climate change and the environment and to develop a cohesive strategy inclusive of all partners and their differing needs and resources.

A number of partners attended the RIEP Climate Change Leadership Programme, which has helped embed climate change with both political leaders and senior officers. Reports and presentations can be found on the NYSP website at **www.nysp.org.uk** (see 'Climate Change Leadership Workshops' on the main menu). The Partnership plans to build on the knowledge and commitment expressed by those who attended to create a focus on the issues which will deliver renewable energy and reduction in carbon emissions. **jennifer.cornforth@northyorks.gov.uk**