

## North Yorkshire Strategic Partnership – Executive Key Messages from the meeting on 8 January 2009

The **NYSP Executive** met on 8 January 2009 at Conyngnam Hall, Knaresborough.

An update was provided on the findings of the recent **Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA)**, which identifies the current and future health and wellbeing needs of communities. Headline issues arising from the JSNA (available at [www.northyorks.gov.uk/jsna](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/jsna)) include:

- Many more older people are predicted to live in North Yorkshire with increased need for services such as dementia support;
- Accommodation and affordable housing are seen as critical, with a particular under-provision issue for members of the Gypsy and Traveller community.

The Executive agreed that inward migration needed to feature more prominently when the JSNA is reviewed. District-level iterations of the report will now be developed and the challenge for NYSP partners is to use this to shape services and local planning. The JSNA will be revisited by the NYSP Executive in 12 months' time.

A report was presented on progress of the **strategic review of the impact of inward migration**. The report was completed end of August 2008 with a subsequent period of consultation. Key points arising from the feedback included the need for more positive messages to be given about the impact of inward migration, e.g. employers are pleased with the work ethic of migrant workers. Work in progress includes the Welcome Pack, now available on the NYSP web site ([www.nysp.org.uk/welcomepack](http://www.nysp.org.uk/welcomepack)), and a BME and migrant worker accommodation needs review. An action plan will be brought to the next meeting in April and it was agreed that the NYSP Equalities Task Group should also review issues relating to other groups, e.g. travellers and students.

Government Office for Yorkshire and the Humber (GOYH) is coming to the end of its first annual review of the **North Yorkshire Local Area Agreement 2008/11 (LAA)** and early indications are that the County is making good progress. GOYH are also working closely with NYCC on the refresh of the LAA, which will revisit specific indicators which did not have targets set during the initial negotiation process.

A consultation is underway until 4<sup>th</sup> February regarding the development of a **NYSP community engagement and neighbourhood management framework** (see [www.nysp.org.uk/consultation](http://www.nysp.org.uk/consultation)). The current Task and Finish Group for this work will now become an Implementation Group to oversee the consultation and manage the associated workstreams on behalf of the NYSP, including the Local Information System. Consultation responses and timescales for the workstreams will be fed back to the next NYSP Executive in April.

Work is underway within NYCC to develop a **Partnerships Governance framework** which will assist in self-assessment and action planning around governance. Partnership-

working and its governance is becoming of increasing importance to all agencies - particularly in view of the new CAA arrangements and many of the partnerships in which NYCC is involved relate to or stem directly from the NYSP. Executive members were supportive of the principles of the NYCC framework and agreed to review it and feed back comments, as well as sharing information on similar work underway in their individual organisations.

An annual progress report was provided on the development and implementation of the **North Yorkshire Compact**, which aims to improve partnership-working between the statutory and voluntary and community sectors. A report was also provided on **Local Indicator 65** (environment for a thriving third sector) from the LAA which, although located within the Stronger/Rural thematic partnership, is the responsibility of all NYSP partners. A steering group will be set up to develop a third sector strategy for the County, followed by wider consultation and task and finish groups to take forward work against this target.

NYCC has developed revised **Overview and Scrutiny guidance for partners** with input from NYSP partners - now available from [www.northyorks.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=2925](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=2925). To foster greater partnership-working in scrutiny, officers from scrutiny teams in each of the local authorities have also been meeting to share ideas and facilitate closer working, including the development of a Memorandum of Understanding.

A discussion took place regarding topics for the next **NYSP Partnership meeting** on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2009. It was agreed that the most pertinent theme in the current climate would be the economic downturn and its associated impact on businesses, employment and other aspects such as community cohesion within North Yorkshire.

The Executive also reviewed the recent Wider Partnership conference in October 2008, which exceeded previous events in terms of attendance and was generally agreed to have been well-organised and informative. The next conference will take place on **15<sup>th</sup> October 2009** at the Pavilions of Harrogate. There will be greater capacity at this event to enable more members to attend and workshops will be given more time to develop discussions and ideas.

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

**Next NYSP Executive meeting:** Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2009, 2:30pm, County Hall, Northallerton

**NYSP Partnership meeting:** Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2009, 2:30pm, County Hall, Northallerton.

**Wider Partnership Conference 2009:** 15<sup>th</sup> October 2009, Pavilions of Harrogate.

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The papers for the meeting are available on the NYSP website [www.nysp.org.uk/executive](http://www.nysp.org.uk/executive)