

North Yorkshire Strategic Partnership – Executive Key Messages from the meeting on 10 April 2008

The first meeting of the **North Yorkshire Strategic Partnership (NYSP) Executive** to be held since the Partnership was restructured took place at County Hall, Northallerton, on Thursday 10th April 2008. The meeting was chaired by John Marsden, Chief Executive of North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC).

The role of the NYSP Executive (formerly the Combined NYSP Steering Group & LAA Management Group Meeting) is to ensure that the priorities of the Partnership are taken forward. It comprises the Chief Executives of the eight local authorities and two national park authorities; senior representatives of North Yorkshire Police, York & North Yorkshire Chamber of Commerce, North Yorkshire and York Primary Care Trust, North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service and North Yorkshire Forum for Voluntary Organisations; the Chairs of the six NYSP Thematic Partnerships; and an observer from Government Office for Yorkshire and the Humber.

The Executive received an update on the revised NYSP structure and agreed Terms of Reference for future meetings. They also reviewed the **13th March 2008 meeting of the NYSP Partnership** and its outcomes. It was agreed that this first meeting of the Partnership since the restructuring of the NYSP had been a very positive start, with various good discussions and contributions from those who attended.

It was noted that following approval of the **Sustainable Community Strategy for North Yorkshire 2008/18 (SCS)** at the March 2008 NYSP Partnership meeting, the SCS will now go to a full meeting of NYCC on the 21st May 2008 for approval and sign off. It will subsequently be published in tandem with the approved Local Area Agreement.

An update was received on the **NYSP Equalities Task Group**. Two action learning sets commenced as planned in January 2008, focussing on the impact of current migration from East and Central Europe. The Task Group will be focussing on such issues as development of a Welcome Pack and a key area of work will be the formulation of a strategy for inward migration and community cohesion. The draft strategy will be circulated to key partners in May/June and will come to the next NYSP Executive meeting for review in June 2008. For further information contact Neil Irving at neil.irving@northyorks.gov.uk.

An update was received on the joint approach to **Data Sharing and Information Management**, following on from the last Executive meeting. Work has been completed to review the needs of all partners in this area and how a single information hub could be developed. The feedback will now be considered by the North Yorkshire and York Data Sharing & Information Group. Proposals will then go to the York and North Yorkshire Safer Communities Forum before coming back for discussion at the next meeting of the

NYSP Executive in June 2008. For further information contact hugh.williamson@northyorks.gov.uk.

Updates were presented on performance monitoring and funding for Quarter 3 for the **Local Area Agreement (or "LAA1")**. Overall, it was noted that the LAA1 is progressing well and that partners are working together well to progress outcomes. It was agreed that where concerns were raised over specific targets and carry forward of funding, these need to be addressed by the relevant Thematic Partnership lead, with updates back to the NYSP Executive on progress. It was noted that few changes have been made to the draft **Local Area Agreement 2008/11** (or "LAA2") since the NYSP partnership meeting in March and the negotiation process with Government Office for Yorkshire and Humber is well advanced. For information on LAA1/LAA2 contact hugh.williamson@northyorks.gov.uk.

The **NYSP website** will shortly be updated to reflect the revised NYSP structure, to include copies of all relevant papers from recent NYSP meetings – see www.nysp.org.uk. The Executive agreed that the website should continue as a resource for information-sharing amongst NYSP partners and stakeholders and for promoting NYSP activities.

The Executive agreed that the **next NYSP Partnership meeting** (11th September 2008) will focus on Alcohol and Affordable Housing as key cross-cutting priorities. Subsequent Partnership meetings will each take one or two other of the SCS priorities as their focus. Each of the Thematic Partnerships will also provide a brief written summary of their progress. It was also agreed that the meeting will take an item on community policing, vigilance and extremism, looking at what is happening in this area and how the NYSP Partnership could add value.

Planning has begun for this year's **NYSP Wider Partnership Conference**, which will be taking place on the morning of Friday, 17th October 2008 at the Pavilions, Harrogate. The Executive agreed that a key aim should be to invite as many agencies as possible to participate and that the conference workshops will be grouped around the ten key priorities of the SCS.

The NYSP Executive agreed that, where possible, the location of future meetings will alternate between Conyngham Hall, Knaresborough and County Hall, Northallerton.

Dates for the Diary:

Next NYSP Executive meeting: 26th June 2008 @ 2:30pm, Conyngham Hall, Knaresborough.

Wider Partnership Conference: 17th October 2008, Pavilions, Harrogate.

There will also be a NYSP Partnership meeting on 11th September 2008 at 2:30pm at County Hall, Northallerton.

For further information about any aspect of these key messages and the work of the NYSP please contact diane.parsons@northyorks.gov.uk.