

North Yorkshire Strategic Partnership – Executive Key Messages from the meeting on 15 April 2010

The **NYSP Executive** met on 15 April 2010 at County Hall, Northallerton.

An update was given by the Audit Commission about the forthcoming process for this year's round of the **Comprehensive Area Assessment**. The Commission is keen to look at the military and civil integration project, progress on digital inclusion and also the developing story around gypsies and travellers in North Yorkshire. A couple of inspections will be taking place in coming months regarding partners' work on flood risk and also on how councils are taking forward the Total Place agenda and achieving value for money. In the meantime, work continues with partners on the **CAA self-evaluation** process and the action plan developed following this work will continue to be monitored.

Thematic Partnerships will shortly be developing action plans on how their allocation of **Performance Reward Grant** could be spent. It was agreed that Thematic Partnerships need to consider ideas and action plans jointly and focus on directing the grant towards achieving outcomes on more difficult, cross-cutting issues. To this end, Thematic Partnership Chairs will meet in the next few months to review what is emerging from their action plans and consider a way forward. Final proposals will come to the NYSP Executive in October 2010.

Members agreed it would be useful to share their individual organisation's plans about projected **financial savings** when they are available in the coming months. This is with a view to ensuring that in making savings, burdens are not passed on to other partners and that opportunities can also be identified. Gary Fielding (NYCC) will be progressing this with NYSP Executive members.

A progress report and proposals were considered regarding the refresh of the **Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS)** and **Local Area Agreement (LAA)**. There was general agreement that the priorities should be reduced and that perhaps the Thematic Partnerships could be the focus of the core themes, with cross-cutting issues highlighted within each of these. It was also felt that the priorities need to reflect issues which are critical to North Yorkshire. A draft of the Strategy will come to the 24th June meeting. In terms of LAA development, Thematic Partnerships will shortly be asked to record the indicators they have selected and their confirmed baselines/targets.

Climate change will remain the responsibility of the Stronger/Rural Partnership and will continue to be discussed regularly at NYSP Exec level. Revised **Terms of Reference (ToR)** for the **Stronger/Rural Partnership** were also agreed. These reflected some changes to the work of the Partnership which will enable it to focus on key priorities surrounding rural issues and some of the 'stronger community' issues such as Access and Transport. The full paper and ToR are available at www.nysp.org.uk/executive.

Assistant Chief Constable Tim Madgwick presented an update on **Public Confidence** and the Home Office target against which the Police and local councils will jointly be measured.

It was agreed that partners need to work together to jointly market their efforts to make communities safer to help raise public perceptions. A Joint Co-ordinating Group on Confidence has now been set up under the Safer Communities Forum, which will include representatives from a range of NYSP organisations.

Further to a progress update from the **Thriving Third Sector Steering Group**, it was agreed that the group's membership will be reviewed and that each partner organisation on the Executive will be contacted for their views on the 'asks' put forward by the group. These included adopting multi-year funding arrangements and adopting Compact-compliant commissioning and procurement practices.

Work has progressed on developing the pilot **Armed Forces Community Welfare Pathway** in North Yorkshire. Neil Irving (NYCC) will be following up with those NYSP partner organisations who have yet to identify 'armed forces community champions'.

A report was taken on '**A Good Place to Grow Older – A National Commitment**'. The National Commitment is a product of government departments, national agencies and organisations working together to agree a shared vision to support all our communities to become good place to grow older. Partners endorsed the guiding principles and the Adults Strategic Partnership has agreed to take the lead in developing the North Yorkshire response and will report back later in 2010.

Members were updated on progress concerning **changes to the NYSP** following the abolition of the NYSP Partnership in January 2010. Key changes to date have included extending alternate meetings of Local Government North Yorkshire and York to include the Chairs and Chief Executives of the PCT, the Police Authority and the Fire and Rescue Authorities. These meetings will discuss NYSP business and other cross-cutting partnership issues. Members also agreed several additional proposals to ensure that communications and engagement links are strengthened. For example, district council Chief Executives will now take on a dual representative role at the NYSP Executive for both their council and their LSP. A full update will shortly be circulated to all former Partnership members on the agreed proposals.

Thematic Partnership Chairs agreed to lead on workshops at the **NYSP conference on 14th October 2010**, as part of the consultation on the refresh of the Sustainable Community Strategy. Suggestions were provided for a keynote speaker from within a journalistic arena. Members also agreed to adopt an advance ticketing approach to managing numbers at this year's event.

Update reports were also noted on domestic abuse, LAA Quarter 3 performance monitoring and LAA Quarter 3 financial monitoring.

Dates for the Diary:

- NYSP Executive meetings:**
- Thursday 24th June 2010, 2:30pm, Conyngham Hall, Knaresborough.
 - Thursday 7th October 2010, 2:30pm, 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 The papers for the meeting are available on the NYSP website www.nysp.org.uk/executive