

## North Yorkshire Strategic Partnership – Executive Key Messages from the meeting on 24 June 2010

The **NYSP Executive** met on 24 June 2010 at Conyngham Hall, Knaresborough.

Richard Flinton was elected as the Chair of the NYSP Executive.

The Government has reduced **Performance Reward Grant** (PRG) by 50%, as part of expenditure cuts. It was agreed that allocations to Thematic Partnerships will be halved. It was also agreed that the allocation to the voluntary and community sector via the York & North Yorkshire Community Foundation will be halved and that the voluntary and community sector could consider if creation of an endowment fund is still appropriate.

The Executive discussed the work to date on the **refresh of the Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) and Local Area Agreement (LAA)**. A key question was whether it is useful or realistic to continue developing the SCS and LAA at this time, given that the Government is considering the future of the LAA and there are to be significant cuts in public sector expenditure. There was general acceptance that NYSP partners should have an agreement in place which defines the key issues for North Yorkshire and how partners will work together to improve outcomes for local people, but that this agreement could be undertaken in a more streamlined way than was required by the current approach to the SCS and LAA. It was decided that work on compiling draft LAA indicators and on drafting the new SCS will be suspended for the time being, as will the proposed public consultation from July to October 2010. It was agreed that Thematic Partnerships should focus on just two or three critical issues which they need to tackle. The Chairs of Thematic Partnership will meet on 9 September 2010 and discuss the SCS and how this could develop in a way which looks ahead to dealing with the many challenges to be faced. Further information will be made available to NYSP partners as these discussions develop in the coming months.

A short discussion was held on **Total Place** including the work that has taken place within the sub-region facilitated by IDeA. Partners have already agreed that it would be wrong to get hung up on a 'counting' exercise as a way of looking at achieving savings. A number of service areas have been identified for a theme-specific approach, such as waste management and addressing the issue of an ageing population. The NYSP Executive agreed to consider an update at a future meeting.

The first meeting of the **extended Local Government North Yorkshire and York (LGNYY)** group will be take place on 2 July 2010. This group was set up following the abolition of the six-monthly meetings of the NYSP Partnership and includes the Chairs of the Primary Care Trust (PCT), Police Authority and Fire and Rescue Authority, as well as the nine council Leaders. The meeting on 2 July 2010 will discuss the development of a York and North Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP). It was noted that this discussion will provide an opportunity to consider all our partnerships and whether there is a need for rationalisation. It was agreed that the NYSP needs to fall within these

considerations and that there is an opportunity to explore working differently to ensure that any duplication is removed and resources are focused appropriately on the right areas.

Following the discussions about the refresh of the Sustainable Community Strategy and Local Area Agreement, it was agreed that a fundamental rethink is needed regarding this year's **NYSP Wider Partnership conference**. This could provide an opportunity for partners to discuss issues, concerns and how we might deal with the problems facing us as a result of expenditure cuts. It was agreed that, if practical, it might be useful to re-schedule the conference until after the publication of the Government's Comprehensive Spending Review on 20 October 2010.

The Executive agreed **meeting dates for 2011** (set out below). It was agreed that a variety of venues could be used for future meetings and there may also be potential to explore teleconferencing and other technologies for convening NYSP Executive meetings.

NYSP Executive meetings 2010/11:

- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2010, 2:30pm, County Hall, Northallerton
- Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2011, 2:30pm, venue to be confirmed
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2011, 2:30pm, venue to be confirmed
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2011, 2:30pm, venue to be confirmed
- Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2011, 2:30pm, venue to be confirmed

**For further information about any aspect of these key messages and the work of the NYSP please contact [diane.parsons@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:diane.parsons@northyorks.gov.uk)**

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