

North Yorkshire Strategic Partnership - Executive

Minutes of meeting on Thursday 2nd October 2008 at County Hall, Northallerton

1.0 Welcome, apologies and minutes of meeting on 26th June 2008

- 1.1 Apologies for absence were noted (a full list of attendees and apologies can be found at Appendix 1). The minutes of the last meeting on 26th June 2008 were agreed as a true and accurate record. Len Cruddas advised that the York and North Yorkshire Chamber of Commerce has merged with that of Leeds to become the Leeds, York and North Yorkshire Chamber.

2.0 Matters arising from the minutes of 26th June 2008

- 2.1 The Executive agreed to the nomination of Janet Waggott as the new Chair of the Stronger/Rural Thematic Partnership. It was noted that the interim Chair, Andy Wilson, would work with Janet to ensure a smooth transition into her new role.

3.0 Local Area Agreement 2008/11 – Q1 Performance Monitoring

- 3.1 Kevin Brown presented the performance monitoring report for Q1 of LAA2. The report highlighted areas of particular success, such as the number of killed or seriously injured in road traffic accidents. Some targets, such as for affordable housing provision, continue to be of concern. David Fraser of Government Office highlighted that the difficulties in reaching the affordable housing target are not unique to North Yorkshire and recommended that partners ensure they are able to demonstrate the actions taken to remedy the situation. Peter Brambleby explained that there have been problems in the retrieval of data against L1 (proportion of mothers smoking during pregnancy), which the PCT is doing all it can to address. Additionally, Andy Wilson will be emailing all local authority Chief Executives to organise the collection of data for NI185 (CO2 reduction).
- 3.2 The Executive agreed to the recommendations that target L8 (prevention of homelessness through advice and proactive intervention) be changed so that monitoring is recorded on the number of preventions per district rather than per 1000 households and the target figures for Harrogate and Craven be revised.

4.0 LAA Funding Reports

- 4.1 Debbie Bassett presented the LAA funding report and expressed concern that there is a large amount of carry forward of LAA pooled funding that was allocated for work last financial year. In the majority of cases, spending has been forecast within the Thematic Partnerships to take place at the end of this financial year and it is important that the funding is spent by that point.
- 4.2 Thematic Partnerships had been asked a couple of months ago to consider whether they required more Pump Priming Grant or whether any outstanding grant would need to be surrendered. The only bid received came from the Stronger/Rural Partnership, who submitted a bid for £25,240 of funding on behalf of the North Yorkshire Forum for Voluntary Organisations (NYFVO) to support the stretch targets for increasing

volunteers. Following discussion, the Executive agreed to the allocation of this funding.

5.0 “Prevent” agenda

- 5.1 Grahame Maxwell reported on the Prevent Strategy and asked the Executive to consider how this might be taken forward across North Yorkshire. Prevent is a key part of the national CONTEST Strategy, which aims to prevent people from becoming or supporting violent extremists. It was agreed that the strategic lead for the Prevent workstream should come from the York and North Yorkshire Safer Communities Forum, although regard needs to be given to the appropriate involvement of other partnerships in particular the Children and Young People's and Adults' Strategic Partnerships. The Police will take the lead in helping all partners to understand the nature of the issues around extremism and the county's linkage with this national agenda, as well as helping partners to understand what part they play in delivering it. Assistant Chief Constable David Collins will take this forward with partners.

6.0 Community Engagement / Neighbourhood Management

Update on development of NYSP framework

- 6.1 An update was provided from the Task and Finish Group who are looking at developing a joint community engagement/neighbourhood management framework under the NYSP. Partners, in particular the LSPs, will be consulted on the draft principles and workstreams, including understanding the definition of “neighbourhoods”. The Group will provide a final progress report in January 2009.

Development of Local Information Systems

- 6.2 The Executive agreed to the setting up of a task and finish group to consider options around developing the County Council's work on Neighbourhood Profiles into a Local Information System (LIS) for the NYSP. The LIS has the potential to be a key resource for both partners and members of the public needing to access data about their locality. The group will need to review resources, funding and other issues before presenting a preferred solution to the NYSP Executive in spring 2009.

7.0 CAA preparation and self-evaluation

CAA consultation response

- 7.1 The Audit Commission has a consultation out to agree its final methodology for the forthcoming Comprehensive Area Assessment (CAA). The Executive agreed that a joint NYSP response should be provided.

CAA locality self-evaluation

- 7.2 Although not a requirement of the CAA, the Audit Commission will expect each area to complete a self-evaluation and that it will be robust. The Executive agreed that a NYSP locality self-evaluation should be developed. The existing LAA Officer Group, with some additions made to its representation at the meeting from North Yorkshire Police and North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service, will be tasked with drafting the self-evaluation document.

8.0 LAA Governance and Internal Audit

LAA Governance Arrangements

- 8.1 The North Yorkshire Local Area Agreement 2008/11 Governance Arrangements document has been updated to reflect the new statutory framework for the LAA 2008/11. The Executive agreed this update.

LAA Performance Management and Governance Framework 'Health Check'

8.2 The Executive noted an information paper outlining the planned NYCC Internal Audit 'health check' of the performance management and governance arrangements associated with the NY LAA.

9.0 Children and young people who witness domestic abuse

9.1 A report was presented by Cynthia Welbourn, on behalf of the Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership, on the issue of children and young people who witness domestic abuse, which is a key priority within the new Children and Young People's Plan. The work of the Partnership on this issue now requires the awareness and involvement of others. It was noted that overall leadership on domestic abuse sits within the remit of the York and North Yorkshire Safer Communities Forum. The Forum is currently reviewing priority funding allocations for next year, including on domestic abuse. The Executive were asked to note that information about the funding proposals is available on the NYSP website (www.nysp.org.uk) and it was agreed that a membership list for the Domestic Abuse Joint Co-ordinating Group within the Forum would be circulated to Executive members.

10.0 Structure of NYSP Partnership agenda and engagement at meetings

10.1 The Executive discussed the structure of future NYSP Partnership meetings and how the engagement of partners could be maximised. It was agreed that it might be useful to focus on just one or two issues in future and to potentially introduce pertinent cross-cutting topics, rather than focussing on the individual priorities of the Sustainable Community Strategy. Presentations could also be delivered by key members from the Executive or Thematic Partnerships around cross-cutting issues with a view to stimulating more discussion from other partners. Several potential topics were discussed and it was agreed that the Executive will take a decision on this in January.

11.0 Date, time and venue of next meeting

14.1 The next meeting of the NYSP Executive will take place on Thursday 8th January 2009 from 2:30pm to 4:00pm at Conyngham Hall, Knaresborough.

15.0 Actions arising

	Paragraph reference	Action	Lead	Deadline
1	6.2	Setting up of a task and finish group to consider options around developing the County Council's work on Neighbourhood Profiles into a Local Information System (LIS) for the NYSP	Hugh Williamson	Report back to NYSP Executive Spring 2009
2.	9.1	Details of Domestic Abuse Joint Co-ordinating Group membership to be circulated to members	Neil Irving	17 October 2008

Appendix 1

Attendees – NYSP Executive of 2nd October 2008

Present:

John Marsden	-	Chief Executive, NYCC
Peter Simpson	-	Hambleton District Council / Richmondshire District Council
Nigel Hutchinson	-	North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service / York & North Yorkshire Safer Communities Forum
Clare Slater	-	Ryedale District Council (on behalf of Janet Waggott)
David Archer	-	Scarborough Borough Council (on behalf of Jim Dillon)
Colin Walker	-	Craven District Council
Heather Watts	-	Selby District Council (on behalf of Martin Connor)
Simon Johnson	-	Harrogate Borough Council (on behalf of Wallace Sampson)
Richard Flinton	-	York and North Yorkshire Partnership Executive
Peter Brambleby	-	NHS North Yorkshire and York / NYSP Healthier Communities Strategic Partnership
Andy Wilson	-	North York Moors National Park Authority
Helen Black	-	North Yorkshire Forum for Voluntary Organisations
Cynthia Welbourn	-	NY Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership
Derek Law	-	NYSP Adults' Strategic Partnership
Grahame Maxwell	-	North Yorkshire Police
Len Cruddas	-	Leeds, York & North Yorkshire Chamber of Commerce
David Fraser	-	Government Office for Yorkshire & the Humber (Observer)

In Attendance:

Gary Fielding	-	NYCC
Debbie Bassett	-	NYCC
Hugh Williamson	-	NYCC
Neil Irving	-	NYCC
Kevin Brown	-	NYCC
Diane Parsons	-	NYCC

Apologies:

Janet Soo-Chung	-	North Yorkshire & York PCT
David Butterworth	-	Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority