

North Yorkshire Strategic Partnership - Executive

Minutes of meeting on Thursday 15th April 2010 at County Hall, Northallerton.

1.0 Welcome, apologies, minutes of meeting on 1st October 2009 and matters arising

- 1.1 Apologies for absence were noted (a full list of attendees and apologies can be found at Appendix 1). The minutes of the meeting on 1st October 2009 were agreed as a true and accurate record. The January 2010 meeting had been cancelled due to bad weather and some business was dealt with by email subsequently. An updates table had been circulated in advance to members on a couple of matters arising from both the October and January meetings. These updates were noted.

2.0 Comprehensive Area Assessment

(a) North Yorkshire Area Assessment – looking forward

- 2.1 Mike Newbury explained the forward process for the next round of Comprehensive Area Assessment. There will be a couple of opportunities for the OnePlace website to be updated with progress/status updates this year. Urgent issues will be posted (that is, by exception) at the end of June 2010. District council and Fire and Rescue Service organisational assessments will be published on 28th October 2010 and the NYCC organisational assessment and Area Assessment will be published on 9th December 2010. The Commission are particularly interested in the military/civil integration project and digital inclusion (NYnet). These are currently 'mint' issues, that is they are potentially on their way to being green flags. A current 'pink' issue (and therefore a potential red flag) is the developing story around gypsies and travellers, particularly in relation to site allocations.
- 2.2 The Commission will also be undertaking a couple of inspections this year. These will be around flood risk and also Total Place / value for money. Mike agreed to share his project brief with district council partners around the latter inspection. It was agreed also that the Local Resilience Forum Chair will be the contact for the flooding inspection and Gary Fielding will be the contact for the Total Place inspection.

(b) Update on CAA self-evaluation

- 2.3 Hugh Williamson confirmed that he and Mike Newbury continue to meet regularly to pick up emerging trends, share information and check evidence. Workshops have been run with partners to look at the self-evaluation action plan, sustainability issues and the impact of the downturn. Case studies will continue to be produced and the action plan monitored. Members agreed to this approach to supporting CAA in 2010.

3.0 Local Area Agreement 2008/11: Performance at the end of 2009/10 Q3

- 3.1 Members noted the performance monitoring update report provided. It was agreed that future performance monitoring information will be presented by theme area.

4.0 LAA Quarter 3 Financial Monitoring Report

4.1 Members noted the update report that had been provided. It was agreed that the latest figures (namely Q4 returns) will be circulated to Executive members in due course.

5.0 Performance Reward Grant

5.1 Gary Fielding presented on proposals for management of Performance Reward Grant (PRG) through the Thematic Partnerships (TPs). An interim payment of £1.7m has been made and the remainder of the estimated £11.8m will be payable over two years. Indicative allocations were provided to TPs based on the amounts 'earned' through achievement of their stretch targets. A key constraint is that the PRG is 50% revenue funding and 50% capital funding. TPs agreed to bring back their ideas and action plans for allocating their PRG to the NYSP Executive meeting on 7th October 2010.

5.2 Concerns were expressed about the lack of PRG going to the Healthier Communities TP. The TP Chairs agreed to consider their developing ideas and action plans jointly and focus on directing the PRG towards achieving outcomes on more difficult, cross-cutting issues. This may also help to bring in initiatives which would have positive outcomes across the 'healthier' strand.

6.0 Financial planning for the future

6.1 Members' views were sought on the possibilities for sharing their individual organisation's plans for projected financial savings when they are available in the coming months. This would be with a view to ensuring that in making savings, burdens are not passed on to other partners and opportunities can be identified. Members agreed to the need for these discussions to take place outside of NYSP Executive meetings and to do this as soon as possible. Gary Fielding will be taking this forward with NYSP Executive members in due course.

7.0 Sustainable Community Strategy and LAA refresh: outcomes of phase 1 consultation

7.1 Members were updated on progress regarding the refresh of the Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) and Local Area Agreement (LAA). The first phase consultation about the current ten priorities had established that all issues remain important priority areas, although a few question marks had been placed over whether Alcohol should remain as a stand-alone priority within the SCS or should be subsumed into another priority. There was general agreement that Alcohol would be best subsumed within Health and Wellbeing. This will require some further discussion among relevant partners. Proposals for making Older People and Children and Young People into cross-cutting issues rather than stand-alone themes were rejected on the basis of their importance. There was general agreement to the idea of reducing the priorities.

7.2 Members suggested that the revised SCS should take as its focus the six Thematic Partnership groupings and detail within these the key priority issues and themes. This received general agreement, although concern was also expressed that the SCS needed to still focus on what are critical issues to North Yorkshire, rather than generic themes.

7.3 An early draft of the SCS will go to Executive members ahead of the next meeting on 24th June 2010. In the meantime, Thematic Partnerships will be working up their draft LAA targets and a draft LAA will also come to the June meeting.

7.4 It was also agreed that TPs could review the responses to the first phase of consultation and see if there are any issues that they can usefully pick up to progress them.

8.0 Climate change update

8.1 Janet Waggott gave a verbal update on the ongoing discussions about climate change (deferred from January 2010). It was agreed that climate change remain within the Stronger/Rural Partnership and an extra meeting has been scheduled to discuss a way forward and how to give it more of a focus. It was agreed that regular updates should be given at the NYSP Executive on climate change. Janet also highlighted that a number of Climate Change Leadership workshops had taken place recently and details of these can be found on the NYSP website at www.nysp.org.uk/cclw.

9.0 Stronger/Rural Partnership Terms of Reference

9.1 Revised Terms of Reference (ToR) for the Stronger/Rural Partnership were agreed by members. 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. Other issues such as waste and housing are currently covered by other fora in the county and will therefore no longer come within the remit of the Stronger/Rural Partnership.

10.0 Domestic abuse update report

10.1 Members noted an update report on domestic abuse (issue deferred from January 2010). In terms of improving strategic co-ordination on domestic abuse, it was agreed that other partners would need to be pulled into such discussions, not just those involved on the NYSP Executive.

11.0 Public Confidence

11.1 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. North Yorkshire is one of the safest counties in the country but there isn't a corresponding level of public confidence. 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.

12.0 Thriving Third Sector Steering Group report

12.1 A progress report was taken from the NYSP's Thriving Third Sector Steering Group. The report put forward a number of 'asks' of NYSP partners, such as multi-year funding arrangements and adopting Compact-compliant commissioning and procurement practices. As there was insufficient time to discuss and agree on the proposals at the meeting, it was agreed that a response on the 'asks' would be sought from NYSP Executive members outside of the meeting. The Group will be reviewing their membership and will provide another update report in 2011.

13.0 Armed Forces Community Welfare Pathway

13.1 Work has progressed on developing the pilot Armed Forces Community Welfare Pathway in North Yorkshire. A number of armed forces community champions have already been put forward from partners organisations and Neil Irving will be following up with those NYSP partners who have yet to respond.

14.0 A Good Place to Grow Older

14.1 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.

15.0 Future of the NYSP Partnership

15.1 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. It was agreed that NYSP Executive members would have a role in proposing agenda items for these meetings. Proposals will be brought to the 24th June NYSP Executive meeting to be signed off for the LGNYY meeting taking place on 2nd July 2010.

15.2 Several additional proposals were discussed and agreed by members as follows:

- District council chief executives will henceforth take on a dual representative role for their council and their local strategic partnership (LSP) at NYSP Executive meetings;
- Two Thematic Partnerships will provide an update on their activities at each Executive meeting, commencing with the Safer Communities Forum and Economy and Skills Board in June 2010;
- Thematic Partnerships will ensure that their papers and minutes are copied to all district LSPs for their information; and
- Each Thematic Partnership will take as standing item at their meetings an update on key NYSP issues (such as the Key Messages).

15.3 It was also noted that the NYSP newsletter will become a more frequent (quarterly) bulletin to update on NYSP activities. The next edition will be available in May 2010.

15.4 A full update will shortly be circulated to all former Partnership members on the agreed proposals.

16.0 NYSP conference 2010

16.1 Diane Parsons presented proposals for the planning of this year's NYSP Wider Partnership conference, taking place at the Pavilions of Harrogate on 14th October 2010. The focus of the event will be the refresh of the Sustainable Community Strategy and LAA as the event will fall within the main summer consultation period. Thematic Partnership Chairs agreed to lead a workshop on their areas (the same session to run each side of the morning break), to update on their progress, set out

priorities for the future and obtain feedback from partners on their views about the priorities. This will feed into the ongoing development of the Strategy and LAA.

16.2 Members agreed that it would be useful to invite a keynote speaker from within the arena of journalism, who can speak about the challenges facing public services post-election. Several suggestions were put forward for speakers and progress on this will be reported in June.

16.3 A key proposal of the planning paper was to introduce an advance ticketing approach to managing the conference. This is due to the increasing numbers of delegates who turn up on the day without having pre-booked and also would help ensure that no single organisation or partnership sends too many representatives to the exclusion of others. Members agreed to adopt this approach in 2010. It will rely heavily on the support of partners such as NYFVO in sharing out a defined allocation of tickets.

17.0 Actions arising

	Paragraph reference	Action	Lead	Deadline
1	2.2	Share project brief on Total Place / Value for Money inspection with NYSP Exec partners.	Mike Newbury	When available
2.	4.1	Circulate Q4 financial monitoring information on PPG spend.	Debbie Bassett	May 2010
3	5.1 / 5.2	Performance Reward Grant: (i) Thematic Partnerships to develop ideas and action plans for using the PRG, to be brought back to NYSP Executive in October; (ii) Thematic Partnership Chairs to meet to discuss draft ideas/plans.	Thematic Partnerships Thematic Partnership Chairs	Ongoing – until 24 th September 2010 Prior to 24 th September 2010
4.	6.1	Contact NYSP Executive partners to form a group to discuss plans for future financial savings.	Gary Fielding	End May 2010
5.	7.3	Provide draft of the Sustainable Community Strategy and Local Area Agreement ahead of the next NYSP Executive meeting.	Diane Parsons/ Kevin Brown	14 th June 2010
6.	7.4	Review responses to the Phase 1 SCS refresh consultation to identify whether there are issues that can be picked up.	Thematic Partnerships	July 2010
7.	8.1	Climate change update reports to be taken at the NYSP Executive on a six-monthly basis.	Janet Waggott	Next - 24 th September 2010
8.	12.1	(i) NYSP Exec partners to provide a response to the 'asks' proposed within the Thriving Third Sector Steering Group report. (ii) TTSSG to provide an update report to NYSP Executive.	All Bob Curry/ Gary Fielding	28 th May 2010 April 2011
9.	13.1	NYSP Exec partners to provide	All	10 th May 2010

		suggestions for armed forced community champions.	(Neil Irving to follow up as required)	
10.	16.2	NYSP conference planning update to be provided at the June 2010 NYSP Exec.	Diane Parsons	June 2010

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Appendix 1

Attendees – NYSP Executive of 15th April 2010

Present:

Nigel Hutchinson	-	North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service / York & North Yorkshire Safer Communities Forum / Interim Chair of NYSP Executive
Peter Simpson	-	Hambleton District Council / Richmondshire District Council
Janet Waggott	-	Ryedale District Council
Jim Dillon	-	Scarborough Borough Council
Paul Shevlin	-	Craven District Council
Martin Connor	-	Selby District Council
Andy Wilson	-	North York Moors National Park Authority
Bob Curry	-	North Yorkshire Forum for Voluntary Organisations
Kate Tayler	-	North Yorkshire Forum for Voluntary Organisations
Joanna Carter	-	North Yorkshire Police (on behalf of Grahame Maxwell)
Katie Needham	-	Healthier Communities Partnership
Cynthia Welbourn	-	North Yorkshire Children's Trust
Richard Flinton	-	Economy and Skills Board
Sukhdev Dosanjh	-	Adults' Strategic Partnership (on behalf of Derek Law)
Anna Knight	-	Government Office for Yorkshire & the Humber (Observer – on behalf of David Fraser)

In Attendance:

Mike Newbury	-	Audit Commission
Gary Fielding	-	NYCC
Hugh Williamson	-	NYCC
Neil Irving	-	NYCC
Kevin Brown	-	NYCC
Diane Parsons	-	NYCC

Apologies:

Wallace Sampson	-	Harrogate Borough Council
David Butterworth	-	Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority
Grahame Maxwell	-	North Yorkshire Police
Jayne Brown	-	NHS North Yorkshire and York
Gary Williamson	-	Leeds, York & North Yorkshire Chamber of Commerce
Derek Law	-	Adults' Strategic Partnership
David Fraser	-	Government Office for Yorkshire & the Humber