

North Yorkshire Strategic Partnership - Executive

Minutes of meeting on Thursday 30th April 2009 at County Hall, Northallerton.

1.0 Welcome, apologies and minutes of meeting on 8th January 2009

- 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 8th January 2009 were agreed as a true and accurate record.

2.0 Local Area Agreement 2008/11 – Q3 Performance Monitoring

- 2.1 Kevin Brown updated members on progress against LAA targets at Quarter 3. Ten of the 19 'stretch' targets are either above target or on track to meet the end of year target. This included NI 47 / People killed or seriously injured in road traffic accidents. However, it was noted that there has been a spate of recent tragic accidents on the county's roads - especially motorcycle deaths - which will challenge the work of those partners concerned, particularly the 95 Alive Road Safety Partnership. Four targets are showing cause for concern, namely the number of additional extra care units supplied, the percentage of 16 to 18 year olds who are not in education, employment or training (NEET), the proportion of mothers known to smoke during pregnancy and the number of new affordable housing units provided. Central government has suggested a degree of flexibility may be given regarding achievement of the affordable housing target because of the economic downturn, but GOYH would encourage partners to retain the target in North Yorkshire at its current level.
- 2.2 The Executive also agreed the following changes to targets:
- (a) NI 45 – Young offenders' engagement in suitable education, training and employment: to be placed within the Children's Thematic Partnership, rather than the Safer Thematic Partnership;
 - (b) NI 155 – Number of affordable homes delivered (gross): changed from a designated target to a local target;
 - (c) L 65 – Environment for a thriving third sector: only the MORI (NI 7) national survey will be used to measure performance, with the local survey of third sector organisations to be undertaken in November 2009 as an interim measure. A 2010/11 target of 19.2% was agreed;
 - (d) L 66 – Engagement in the Arts targets: agreed an improvement in the score for the DCMS Active People survey by 3.3% in the next two years to achieve a 50.6% score in 2010/11 (47.3% achieved in 2008/09); and
 - (e) L 73 – Proportion of population aged 19-64 for males and 19-59 for females qualified to at least Level 2 or higher: Further local indicator included to support the achievement of N1 64 (proportion of population aged 19-64 for males and 19-59 for females qualified to at least Level 3 or higher). The North Yorkshire Baseline is 71.3%, with 2009/10 target set at 78.3% and 2010/11 at 81.8%.

3.0 Place Survey – verbal update

- 3.1 Hugh Williamson reported that the Place Survey results cannot be shared at present due to a national delay because of a new code of practice for official statistics. This makes it difficult for North Yorkshire to interpret its results until it can compare with the

national picture. A further update on this will be given to members once all information has been made available.

4.0 LAA 1 Funding – Q3 Financial Monitoring and Pump Priming Grant Allocations

- 4.1 Members noted the report which was circulated in March 2009 and which updated on the position in relation to LAA funding. It is anticipated that the carry-forward of £709,000 of LAA Pooled Funding will be fully spent by the end of the financial year.
- 4.2 Changes were agreed to Pump Priming Grant (PPG) allocations for three stretch targets, namely L 17 / improved protection of vulnerable adults (increase of £28.8k); NI 8 / increasing physical activity by adults (increase of £10k); and NI 117 / Extend the range of choices for all learners (reduction of £18k). The Executive agreed to allocate the remaining £20.8k of PPG to meet these new demands. In the main, target lead officers have not identified significant barriers to spending PPG allocations by 31st March 2010.
- 4.3 It was also agreed that the October 2009 NYSP Executive meeting will discuss LAA reward grant and how this could be allocated.

5.0 Local Information System – Development Proposals

- 5.1 An update was provided on development proposals for a Local Information System (LIS). The LIS Steering Group has met four times and reached a consensus about the main requirements of the system, including it being a web-based system with an easily accessible, map-based interface. A RIEP bid (£50k) has been submitted to cover first-year costs. It was agreed that a project manager take the work forward from within the County Council's Performance, Research and Intelligence team. Data-sharing agreements will continue to be developed among partners and key milestones were agreed to help develop the LIS over the coming months. It was agreed that an efficiency review must be built in as part of this process, with a need to resolve duplication and streamline processes in relation to partners' data and data-sharing. The Executive will receive a further report in January 2010 proposing next steps.

6.0 NYSP Community Engagement and Neighbourhood Management Framework: Consultation responses and timescales for future work

- 6.1 A draft Framework has been developed, incorporating the comments received during the recent consultation. The Implementation Group will continue to meet to oversee and manage the associated workstreams, with a wider group leading on and inputting into the workstreams. An action plan has been developed to begin the implementation of the framework, including gap analysis at district LSP level and agreeing and putting into pace joint structures to engage with the public in every district. Peter Simpson emphasised the importance of all partners understanding and contributing to engagement mechanisms at a district level to ensure that the principles of good practice within the framework are taken forward. The Framework and action plan were agreed, with six-monthly reporting on the action plan to the NYSP Executive.

7.0 Inward Migration

- 7.1 An action plan has been developed in response to the priorities emerging from the NYSP Strategic Review of the Impact of Inward Migration from the EU Accession States. Lead officers have been identified for each of the seven themes: community safety, education, employment, housing and accommodation, health, access to information; and community cohesion. The NYSP Equalities Task Group will take

overall responsibility for monitoring the effectiveness of this action plan. It was noted that the issues highlighted also relate to people re-settling in the county, for example those based at Catterick. Neil Irving highlighted that a document is being prepared for the Association of North Yorkshire Councils regarding the issues relating to community cohesion for a wide range of groups, to include for example HM Forces personnel and students. A full report will come back to the next NYSP Executive in June.

- 7.2 A late paper was also submitted to members regarding the Migration Impacts Fund. This is a national fund that will support front line delivery in services most affected by legal migration. Yorkshire and the Humber has been allocated just under £3m in 2009/10 and is likely to receive a similar amount in 2010/11. The NYSP Equalities Task Group has developed a submission for five bids to the Fund, covering various issues such as ESOL provision and the training of interpreters/community advocates. The Executive endorsed the five bids and their prioritisation as presented within the paper. Full copies of the bids themselves are available from Tom Bryant at tom.bryant@northyorks.gov.uk / 01609 532749.

8.0 Comprehensive Area Assessment – Area Self-Evaluation

- 8.1 The draft area self-evaluation, which was commissioned by the Executive in preparation for Comprehensive Area Assessment (CAA), will now go out to consultation with all partners and thematic groups to ultimately develop the action plan for improvement. It was noted that a preferred model may be to have a suite of eight self-evaluations, one for the county and one for each district, as opposed to simply including some district-level examples within the county's evaluation. Other comments expressed included that the document needed to be easier to read, with more focussed examples and also give more of a flavour of excitement about the successful partnership-work being undertaken. It was agreed that the onus will now be on NYSP partners to help shape the document to reflect these ideas and to provide further examples. The final self-evaluation and action plan will be presented to the NYSP Executive in June 2009.

9.0 Partnerships Governance - Update

- 9.1 Further to the report to the NYSP Executive in January, Geoff Wall presented an update on Partnerships Governance. Comments on the self-assessment framework were provided by several NYSP partners which were generally supportive of its core principles. The Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority had provided a flowchart which helps in determining whether they should become involved in a partnership and also to review existing ones. This was shared with Executive members, who generally found it to be useful. Further progress has been made within NYCC on a partnership risk assessment model. A number of partnerships involving NYCC have been put through the risk model, which has highlighted around eight as requiring attention/of higher risk (e.g. 95 Alive). The Executive agreed to provide further feedback to Geoff and key contact names within their organisations to take this work forward.

10.0 Draft timetable of key partnership assessments, strategies, plans and agreements 2009/11

- 10.1 Neil Irving presented a short note highlighting a draft timetable for the next two years of all key partnership assessments, strategies, plans and agreements, such as the eight Sustainable Community Strategies (SCS) and the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA). It was agreed that the next county SCS and LAA are produced alongside each other as per the current documents. It was also agreed that it would be helpful to have more commonality in the use of language in all eight SCSs, in particular with

regard to vision and objectives. The timetable will also be shared with colleagues at "Without Walls" (City of York Council's LSP).

11.0 Domestic Abuse – Strategic Lead

11.1 Domestic abuse prevention work in North Yorkshire is currently supported and co-ordinated through the York and North Yorkshire Safer Communities Forum and the Domestic Abuse Joint Co-ordinating Group, but the Executive agreed the need to 'champion' this issue at a strategic, multi-agency level and drive work forward on a time-limited basis. It was agreed that a report will come to the NYSP Executive in June 2009 to consider the three or four most strategically important issues to consider around domestic abuse in discharging this responsibility. It was also noted that Ryedale needs to be included in any mention of the joint work undertaken on domestic abuse with Scarborough Borough.

12.0 Single Public Confidence Target

12.1 Grahame Maxwell presented a brief regarding the Single Public Confidence Target set by the Home Office. The target will measure whether respondents agree that the police and local council(s) are dealing with crime and anti-social behaviour issues in their area. For North Yorkshire Police the final target is 62.8% by the end of March 2012 (the current baseline is 50.8%). Members noted that this is not a "single agency" target. Further work on this will be taken up through the Safer Communities Forum and the district CDRPs.

13.0 Local Government York and North Yorkshire – New Arrangements

13.1 The Chair asked members to note the new arrangements for the formation of a new Local Government Organisation for the York and North Yorkshire Sub-Region. The Organisation will comprise the nine Leaders from the nine sub-regional councils who will focus at a regional level on producing an integrated regional strategy. There will also be four work groups looking at Housing/Regeneration, Skills, Transport and Planning.

14.0 Planning for NYSP Wider Partnership conference 2009

14.1 The Executive discussed planning for workshop sessions for the 2009 Wider Partnership conference, to be held at the Pavilions of Harrogate on 15th October. It had been agreed previously that there would be six workshop sessions held on the six Thematic Partnership areas. The Thematic Partnership Chairs agreed for a relevant officer from the Policy and Partnerships Unit to liaise with them over the next few months to agree topics, facilitators and so on. For the second set of six workshops, the Executive approved the four suggested themes put forward, namely:

- (a) Thriving Third Sector;
- (b) Equalities;
- (c) NYSP Community Engagement & Neighbourhood Management Framework;
- (d) Public perceptions/Behaviour change (i.e. what motivates people to change their behaviour/lifestyle).

14.2 Additional ideas were proposed for the remaining two sessions, including Single Public Confidence Target; a focus on other difficult LAA targets; tourism or similar topic reflecting what excites people about being in Yorkshire; the changing demographic of North Yorkshire and how this affects service delivery; and the impact of migration on the county. The Audit Commission will be invited to host another stand on the CAA.

14.3 Members noted that the Rt Hon David Curry MP has agreed to deliver the keynote speech at the conference; the theme is yet to be determined.

14.4 A short note will come back to the Executive in June to update on progress.

15.0 Date, time and venue of next meeting

15.1 The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 25th June 2009 at 2:30pm in the Garden Room at Conyngham Hall, Knaresborough.

16.0 Actions arising

	Paragraph reference	Action	Lead	Deadline
1	3.1	Circulate details of Place Survey results once finalised.	Hugh Williamson	
2.	4.3	Paper to come to October NYSP Exec meeting on LAA Reward Grant.	John Marsden	19 September 2009
3.	5.1	Report to NYSP Exec on next steps for Local Information System.	Hugh Williamson	January 2010
4.	7.1	Paper to come to June NYSP Exec meeting on community cohesion issues relating to a range of groups such as HM Forces personnel, travellers etc.	Neil Irving	12 June 2009
5.	8.1	<u>CAA Self-Evaluation</u> (i) NYSP partners to provide comments/changes to the draft Area Self-Evaluation as necessary. (ii) Report to come back to June NYSP Exec with final draft.	ALL Hugh Williamson	12 June 2009 (latest) 15 June 2009
6.	9.1	<u>Partnerships Governance</u> (i) Provide any further feedback as necessary on Partnerships Governance work; and (ii) Provide relevant lead contacts to Geoff Wall.	ALL ALL	29 May 2009 29 May 2009
7.	11.1	Report to come to June NYSP Exec meeting on key priorities to consider as domestic abuse strategic lead.	Neil Irving	12 June 2009
8.	14.4	Update on WP conference planning to come to June NYSP Exec meeting.	Diane Parsons	12 June 2009

Appendix 1

Attendees – NYSP Executive of 30th April 2009

Present:

John Marsden	-	NYCC (Chair)
Peter Simpson	-	Hambleton District Council / Richmondshire District Council
Nigel Hutchinson	-	North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service / York & North Yorkshire Safer Communities Forum
Janet Waggott	-	Ryedale District Council
David Archer	-	Scarborough Borough Council (on behalf of Jim Dillon)
Paul Shevlin	-	Craven District Council
Wallace Sampson	-	Harrogate Borough Council
Jonathan Lund	-	Selby District Council (on behalf of Martin Connor)
Richard Flinton	-	York and North Yorkshire Partnership Executive
Cynthia Welbourn	-	NY Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership
Jayne Brown	-	NHS North Yorkshire and York
Andy Wilson	-	North York Moors National Park Authority
Helen Black	-	North Yorkshire Forum for Voluntary Organisations
Grahame Maxwell	-	North Yorkshire Police
Gary Williamson	-	Leeds, York & North Yorkshire Chamber of Commerce
David Butterworth	-	Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority
David Fraser	-	Government Office for Yorkshire & the Humber (Observer)

In Attendance:

Gary Fielding	-	NYCC
Geoff Wall	-	NYCC (for Item 9)
Debbie Bassett	-	NYCC
Hugh Williamson	-	NYCC
Neil Irving	-	NYCC
Kevin Brown	-	NYCC
Diane Parsons	-	NYCC

Apologies:

Derek Law	-	NYSP Adults' Strategic Partnership
Peter Brambleby	-	NYSP Healthier Communities Partnership