

## North Yorkshire Strategic Partnership - Executive

### Minutes of meeting on Thursday 7 October 2010 at County Hall, Northallerton

#### 1.0 Welcome and apologies

- 1.1 Apologies for absence were noted (a full list of attendees and apologies can be found at Appendix 1).

#### 2.0 Minutes of the meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2010 and matters arising

- 2.1 The minutes of the meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2010 were agreed as a true and accurate record. There were no matters arising.

#### 3.0 Development of the NYSP and Local Enterprise Partnerships

- 3.1 Richard Flinton updated members on partnership developments within the sub-region. No firm decision has been received yet from central government on Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs), although we expect to hear within the next few weeks. The NYSP Executive has talked previously about having a wider review of NYSP arrangements. A paper is going to Local Government North Yorkshire and York (LGNYY) on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2010 which will propose that a small group of Chairs and Chief Executives review partnership arrangements across the sub-region, to include the NYSP and potentially district-level arrangements. In terms of the future of the NYSP, it looks likely that it will need to shape itself around the few core priorities that are set through a refreshed Sustainable Community Strategy and one option may be to commission groups of partners to convene on a task and finish or project-specific basis, as opposed to maintaining the current thematic group structure. Richard invited NYSP Executive members to let him know if they are interested in becoming involved on the LGNYY group.

#### 4.0 Sustainable Community Strategy and LAA refresh: update from Thematic Partnerships Chairs' discussion and way forward

- 4.1 At the last NYSP Executive meeting in June it was agreed that work on refreshing the Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) and Local Area Agreement (LAA) should be suspended while consideration is given to how these plans could be developed in a more streamlined way which is more sustainable and reflective of the current climate. It is not anticipated that the forthcoming Localism Bill will propose any change to the current statutory requirement for an SCS. There is also currently a level of permissiveness from central government for local areas to determine how they shape their own plans. An announcement on the future of the LAA is also expected in the next few weeks.
- 4.2 Diane Parsons presented an update from the meeting of the Thematic Partnership (TP) Chairs, which was held on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2010 and at which the refresh of the SCS was considered. The TP Chairs agreed at this meeting that the NYSP does need a plan which sets out how it will achieve a better quality of life for people in the county, but that this needs to be more outcomes-focussed, more meaningful to local people and also more sustainable in terms of the number of priority areas incorporated. The

Chairs proposed that no more than three or four collective priorities form the basis of a revised SCS. This was agreed by the Executive members and Thematic Partnerships will now spend some time reviewing what the collective priorities may be in the next few months, with a view to feeding back to the February 2011 NYSP Executive. If agreement can be reached on priorities in February, then some work will be done to develop a new plan around these, to include some element of stakeholder consultation.

- 4.3 There will be other issues to consider in 2011 if the SCS is refreshed with new priorities, including:
- how might targets be reflected within the SCS if the LAA is scrapped?
  - should the new plan take a wider sub-regional view?
  - who is responsible for delivering the SCS if the NYSP structure changes or is scrapped following the partnerships review by LGNYY?
- 4.4 It was also agreed that another meeting of the TP Chairs will be convened in the next few months to help progress the discussions about new collective priorities.

## **5.0 Performance Reward Grant**

### **(a) Proposals for consideration**

- 5.1 Draft proposals were submitted to the Executive by the Healthier, Safer, Adults, Children's and Stronger/Rural thematic partnerships around use of their expected allocation of Performance Reward Grant (PRG) monies. The exact PRG allocation for each thematic partnership will not be known until the end of the year when performance has been audited.
- 5.2 It was emphasised that the bids need to be strategic, innovative and sustainable. If bids have come forward which do not meet these principles in key priority areas then other bids should be commissioned which could achieve these things. They will also need to take into account the announcements coming out of the Comprehensive Spending Review on 20<sup>th</sup> October. It was also agreed that there should be greater linkages across the final bids around supporting Big Society principles and exploring opportunities for the sector to pick up delivery of key services.
- 5.3 Further to the earlier discussions on reviewing partnership arrangements it was agreed that it might be useful if LGNYY do agree priorities for the sub-region going forward that these ideas are circulated to the thematic partnerships to help in shaping their final bids.
- 5.4 Thematic Partnerships will do further work over the next few months to develop their final bids for sign-off at the NYSP Executive in February 2011.
- 5.5 It was also agreed that 10% of the final PRG allocation awarded to each of the five relevant Thematic Partnerships will be provided to the voluntary and community sector through the Community Foundation.

### **(b) Voluntary and community sector proposals on using PRG allocated to the community foundation**

- 5.6 Members considered a paper from the North Yorkshire Forum for Voluntary Organisations with proposals for the use of PRG designated to the voluntary and community sector (VCS). It was agreed that this allocation will be managed by the York and North Yorkshire Community Foundation, with £200,000 to go into a small-

grant fund for VCS organisations and the balance (around £410,000) to be placed in a flexible endowment fund. However, it was also suggested that it might be helpful to look at whether there may be better ways of investing the larger sum than in an endowment fund, given the current lack of interest accrued in such funds at present. Debbie Bassett and Kate Tayler will progress this issue outside of the meeting.

## **6.0 “Ageing Well” – report from the Adults Partnership**

- 6.1 An update paper was taken from the Adults Strategic Partnership (ASP) regarding “Ageing Well”; a central government programme focussing on supporting local solutions to improve quality of life for older people. Whilst the ASP feels that it is not the right time currently to take up some of the elements of this programme, it was agreed that it would be useful to pursue a bespoke training programme to be developed by Local Government Improvement and Development to work with elected Members at both district and county levels.

## **7.0 Climate change – verbal update**

- 7.1 Janet Waggott gave a short verbal update regarding progress on climate change. The Stronger/Rural Partnership was tasked with leading work on climate change some months ago but has struggled to make progress in this area. One issue is around the lead officers who have been put forward to sit on the climate change group. It was agreed that Executive members will consider who their respective strategic leads are on climate change to help progress work on this.
- 7.2 Most of the organisations represented on the NYSP Executive contribute funding to Sustainability for Yorkshire and it was therefore agreed that a couple of key climate change priorities should be agreed among partners and handed over to Sustainability for Yorkshire for them to help deliver. Additional support may also be drawn from organisations such as the Audit Commission and Government Office who have offered staff time in the next few months.

## **8.0 Domestic abuse – update report**

- 8.1 Nigel Hutchinson presented a six-monthly update report on domestic abuse. Figures for domestic abuse in the county have risen but this is also partly down to work that has been done to help increase reporting of domestic abuse. The overall strategic direction for domestic abuse prevention work is contained in the York and North Yorkshire Domestic Abuse Strategy which was signed off by the Safer Communities Forum in March 2010. It was acknowledged that a key factor in tackling domestic abuse levels in North Yorkshire is the stabilisation of the domestic abuse co-ordinator posts in the long term and as such this should be considered a high joint priority.

## **9.0 LAA 2008/11 Q1 performance monitoring**

- 9.1 Members noted the Quarter 1 performance monitoring update on the LAA. An issue was raised regarding perception targets which are still in the LAA but which the government now has now interest in monitoring. It's possible that a dispensation could be given to partners on such targets. An announcement is expected about the future of the LAA in due course.

## **10.0 Thematic Partnership updates**

- 10.1 Members noted the written updates that had been provided by the Stronger/Rural Healthier Communities thematic partnerships on activity within their respective

partnerships during the last quarter. Thematic Partnership Chairs agreed to consider how to make these updates more lively and engaging for members in the future. Updates will be provided by the Children's Trust and the Adults Partnership in February 2011.

## 11.0 NYSP conference 2010 - update

11.1 Diane Parsons updated members on progress in developing this year's NYSP Wider Partnership conference, to be held on 8<sup>th</sup> November at the Pavilions of Harrogate. Following discussions at the June 2010 Executive meeting, the conference was re-scheduled to November to position it after the Comprehensive Spending Review (CSR) on 20<sup>th</sup> October. It will focus on the challenges and opportunities facing partners following the CSR. As well as keynote speakers there will therefore also be a short presentation delivered by John Moore from NYCC on headline messages from CSR and its impact on local authority partners. John will therefore be contacting some of the NYSP Executive partners to gauge their responses to the CSR announcements to feed into this. The conference will also be an opportunity for NYSP partners to feed in ideas about what the collective priorities for North Yorkshire should be in the medium term. Workshops will therefore not be thematically-focussed but will facilitate a dialogue between partners on these issues.

## 12.0 Any other business

12.1 Nigel Hutchinson raised the issue of CCTV provision across the county. The Safer Communities Forum is looking at current provision and whether more effective use could be made of resources. Members gave their support to a review of current provision and look at different ways of providing CCTV. Liz Smith will be taking this proposal on to the LGNYM meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2010 to get their buy-in.

## 13.0 Actions arising

	Paragraph reference	Action	Lead	Deadline
1	4.3	Thematic Partnerships to consider three/four collective priorities for North Yorkshire, to feed in to Feb 2011 NYSP Exec.	TP Chairs	End Jan 2011
2.	4.5	Meeting of the TP Chairs to be arranged before Feb 2011 NYSP Exec.	Diane Parsons	End Dec 2010 (to arrange)
3	5.6	Meeting to discuss investment alternatives for VCS PRG monies.	Kate Tayler / Debbie Bassett	End October 2010
4.	7.1	Partners to review their strategic leads on climate change.	All	End October 2010
5.	7.2	Circulate some key climate change priorities to Exec members for agreement.	Janet Waggott	November 2010
6.	10.1	Children's Trust and Adults Partnership to provide updates for the Feb 2011 NYSP Exec meeting and Feb 2011 newsletter.	Derek Law / Cynthia Welbourn	14 Jan 2011

## Appendix 1

### Attendees – NYSP Executive of 7<sup>th</sup> October 2010

#### Present:

Richard Flinton	-	Chair of NYSP Executive
Nigel Hutchinson	-	North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service / York & North Yorkshire Safer Communities Forum
Janet Waggott	-	Ryedale District Council
Rachel Bowles	-	Harrogate Borough Council (on behalf of Wallace Sampson)
Jim Dillon	-	Scarborough Borough Council
Liz Smith	-	Hambleton and Richmondshire District Councils (on behalf of Peter Simpson)
Andy Wilson	-	North York Moors National Park Authority / also representing Yorkshire Dales NPA
Bill Redlin	-	NHS North Yorkshire and York (on behalf of Jayne Brown)
Grahame Maxwell	-	North Yorkshire Police
Kate Taylor	-	North Yorkshire Forum for Voluntary Organisations
Katie Needham	-	Healthier Communities Partnership
Cynthia Welbourn	-	North Yorkshire Children's Trust
Derek Law	-	Adults' Strategic Partnership
David Fraser	-	Government Office for Yorkshire & the Humber (Observer)

#### In Attendance:

Hugh Williamson	-	NYCC
Neil Irving	-	NYCC
Diane Parsons	-	NYCC
Debbie Bassett	-	NYCC

#### Apologies:

Wallace Sampson	-	Harrogate Borough Council
Martin Connor	-	Selby District Council
David Butterworth	-	Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority
Gary Williamson	-	Leeds, York & North Yorkshire Chamber of Commerce
Peter Simpson	-	Hambleton and Richmondshire District Councils
Paul Shevlin	-	Craven District Council
Jayne Brown	-	NHS North Yorkshire and York