

North Yorkshire Strategic Partnership - Executive

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Progress report on joint community engagement and neighbourhood management work

1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To update the NYSP Executive on progress on the action plan for Working together with communities – a community engagement and neighbourhood management framework for North Yorkshire.
- 1.2 To inform the NYSP Executive about Voice your Choice, the recent joint participatory budgeting initiative in Eastfield.

2 Background

- 2.1 At the April 2009 meeting of the NYSP Executive it was agreed that the Implementation group would report back at six-monthly intervals on progress in implementing the Framework, associated action plan and on joint working in the areas of community engagement and neighbourhood management.

3 Progress against action plan

Workstream	Aim	Progress	Recommendation
Production of Framework and adoption by relevant partnerships and organisations	To gain agreement to joint principles and raise awareness of joint working.	On target. Further information at Appendix 1.	It is recommended that the Implementation group continue to progress and monitor.
Local Information System (LIS) and data analysts group	To facilitate joint working through sharing data and intelligence on communities.	Progress being made. Timescale to implementation likely to be 9 months or more. Further information at Appendix 2.	It is recommended that the LIS steering group to continue to progress.

AGENDA ITEM 7

Workstream	Aim	Progress	Recommendation
Joint structures to engage with the public in localities	To have District LSP led multi-agency engagement structures in place.	All districts are at different stages of development, but all are actively progressing. Further information at Appendix 3.	It is recommended that District LSPs. continue to progress.
Joint consultations and engagement database and joint mechanisms for engaging with communities of interest and minority groups.	To avoid consultation fatigue and duplication.	Initial review completed. Broad support for web-based database. Further information at Appendix 4.	It is recommended that further the Implementation group continues to progress.
Joint local problem solving	To join up work involving problem solving.	Work to produce a joint protocol is progressing. Further information at Appendix 5.	It is recommended that the Task group continues to progress.
Joint toolkit and training/shared learning	To develop methods to share learning and best practice	Community of practice in place. Further information at Appendix 6.	It is recommended that the North Yorkshire, East Yorkshire and City of York Community Engagement Officers Group monitor use.
Joint citizens' panels	To join up work involving citizens' panels	Review stage completed. Further information at Appendix 7.	It is recommended that whilst a joint panel will not be cost effective, closer working is carried out as detailed at Appendix 6.
Joint surveys	To join up work involving surveys	Review stage completed. Further information at Appendix 8.	It is recommended that surveys relating to community safety use a selection of standard questions.

4 Participatory budgeting initiative

- 4.1 A pilot initiative has been underway in the Eastfield area of Scarborough since January 2009, to use Participatory Budgeting (PB) as a method for empowering the local community to allocate a defined public budget towards community safety initiatives. Further information is included at Appendix 9.

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Appendix 1

Production of Framework and adoption by relevant partnerships and organisations:

1. The Framework was adopted by the NYSP Executive in April 2009 and was publicised to the Wider Partnership by various methods, including dedicated pages on the NYSP website and through District Local Strategic Partnership meetings.
2. Some partner organisations have identified organisational leads, as detailed below, and updates are provided to these contacts on a regular basis. Responsibility for promoting the Framework within each organisation rests with these leads.
3. A workshop on the Framework will be run at the NYSP Wider Partnership Conference on 15 October to further raise awareness and promote engagement with the shared agenda.

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Appendix 2

Local information system (LIS) and data analysts group:

1. The Steering Group is continuing to meet regularly and is currently finalising the specification for the LIS. York City Council has now agreed to join the North Yorkshire LIS process. A Local Authority Group has also been convened, to ensure that all of the authorities are fully informed and involved in the development of the system.
2. Discussions with the Regional Improvement and Efficiency Programme (RIEP) representatives are taking place, and it is now likely that a sub regional approach to the development of 'data observatories' will be approved. Although the Sheffield (LASOS) system was a demonstration project for the region, a separate procurement exercise will need to be undertaken to ensure 'best value' is achieved from suppliers. Work will be progressing alongside the RIEP, to begin the procurement process for North Yorkshire and York, within a 'framework agreement' approach, which will allow other sub regions to use the procurement outcome to purchase similar systems from the same supplier if they choose to do so.
3. A formal submission document is in the process of being submitted to the RIEP for the appropriate funding. Once approval is received - expected at the end of October - the procurement process will be initiated. This will take approximately 9 months. The supplier is therefore not likely to be chosen until June/July 2010.
4. In the interim, North Yorkshire County Council, with partners, is developing its 'neighbourhood profiles'. This web based statistics service for the public, is now based on InstantAtlas, and allows a degree of manipulability of the data that was not previously possible. The number of data sets available and the manipulability of the system are continuing to be developed. The system is hosted on the NYCC web site with a link from the NYSP website. Data for York City Council area will also soon be available on the site.

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Appendix 3

Joint structures to engage with the public in localities:

One of the ways in which community engagement is being progressed is through a range of area forums or their equivalents. These are at different stages of development in each district LSP area.

1 *North Yorkshire Coast Community Partnership*

- 1.1 The Community Partnership has already developed area forums as part of the structure of the partnership. The area forums are a shared community engagement structure which provide local people, elected representatives (Parish, Borough and County) to work together to identify and resolve local issues of concern.
- 1.2 The Area Forums are open, public meetings with wide involvement encouraged from local people, community and voluntary groups, elected Members and service providers that meet quarterly. Meetings are themed; with topics determined by those attending the meeting in addition service providers may initiate an agenda item if they have an issue that they feel would benefit from discussion at the Forums.
- 1.3 Each area forum has a support group made up of service providers and representatives from the forum to ensure issues raised through the forums are progressed and to coordinate the development of the community action plan which will set out how issues identified by the community will be addressed.

There are four Area Forums:

- Northern Area Forum
- Southern Area Forum
- Scarborough Rural Area Forum
- Scarborough Urban Area Forum

- 1.4 The Partnership Board is, however, keen to develop its community engagement processes and develop and improve the arrangements currently in place. This work will take place during the winter and will include a full review of the Area forums.

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2 *Ryedale Strategic Partnership*

- 2.1 The main focus of community engagement within Ryedale to date has been a comprehensive programme of community led planning. This has been geographically focused and is currently taking place in the Howardian Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The vision for this programme is of 'A Plan for Every Parish'. The total coverage of community led planning activity has so far meant that 77% of the total population of Ryedale have had access to a community planning project, with average response rates being 80%. The plans have been used to help partner organisations to work together on issues which are shared by a number of communities and need a number of partners to actually make progress.
- 2.2 The partnership is undergoing some restructuring and the intention is that one of the first tasks under the new structure will be to consider the way forward for

community engagement. This is likely to involve building upon existing structures.

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3 Hambleton Strategic Partnership

3.1 In Hambleton Area Groups are representative of the public, private, voluntary and community sectors working or living in their area. They are centred on each of the five market towns and their surrounding villages:

- Bedale
- Northallerton
- Thirsk
- Stokesley
- Easingwold

3.2 These Area Groups develop and implement local Community Plans and provide local community input into the Strategic Partnership. Each plan has fed into the Hambleton Community Plan ensuring that local issues have been considered. The intention is that these Groups will evolve and be built upon.

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4 Selby District Local Strategic Partnership

4.1 In Selby district Community Engagement Forums (CEFs) have been piloted in the Tadcaster and Villages neighbourhood and will be piloted in the Southern Area in September.

4.2 They aim to provide a focus for local discussion and to provide an opportunity for all sections of the community to air issues of local concern.

4.3 The CEF Partnership Board is made up of the district and county councillors who represent the area covered by that CEF, parish council representatives, and co-opted members (perhaps local community activists or representatives of local organisations), as well as representatives from North Yorkshire Police and North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service. There is also a small fund to support community initiatives, which is administered by the Partnership Board. This has been used to implement actions called for at the CEF.

4.4 Each meeting has an agenda, divided into two sections: the Community Session and the Business Session. The Community Session provides an opportunity for the CEFs to discuss community issues, hear from experts on a range of discussion topics, receive feedback from previous meetings and to give the public, an opportunity to put questions to their local representatives. The Business Session (also known as the Partnership Board meeting) enables the CEF to undertake its decision-making function. Although only the district, county and parish council, co-opted and Police and Fire Service members of the CEF Partnership Board are able to vote on issues of expenditure and policy, members of the public are welcome to listen.

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5 Harrogate District Strategic Partnership (HDSP)

- 5.1 Prior to the agreement of the NYSP framework, Harrogate District Safer Communities Partnership (a thematic group of the strategic partnership) began to develop a proposal to improve the planning and delivery of crime and disorder related services by responding to the needs and aspirations of communities and neighbourhoods. Proposals were developed based around a structure of ward cluster meetings that would identify their key local issues for action and provide feedback by partners. Several of these meetings have started, with a community safety focus.
- 5.2 HDSP recognised, in response to the community engagement and neighbourhood management framework, that a broader, more inclusive approach was needed but, at the same time, had no wish to create parallel structures. To that end it has agreed to broaden the project brief to cover all issues, not just those with a community safety focus, and to develop a project plan that would enable HDSP to pilot the multi-agency approach, working towards a fully co-ordinated multi-agency approach by 1 April 2010 if the pilot is successful.

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6 Richmondshire Local Strategic Partnership

- 6.1 Five Area Partnerships are to be created:
- Upper Dales
 - A66
 - Centre
 - The Garrison
 - Lower Wensleydale

Each Area Partnership will consist of two elements, a Forum and a Board. The Forums of the Area Partnerships will be a non-decision open to all who live in, work in or represent the individual locality. It is a mechanism through which the Council will engage broadly with partner organisations, members of the public and the business community. The Forum will meet twice a year to identify and prioritise local community issues and to make recommendations for solutions to those issues to the Board.

- 6.2 The Board of the Area Partnership will be a decision making body. Membership of the Board will include local Councillors, partner organisations and members of the public (including businesses). The Boards role is to agree priorities, identify solutions to community issues and allocate funding to those solutions. It will do this through an annual action plan. The Board will also monitor progress against the annual action plan.
- 6.3 Both the Forum and the Board will have a Chairman and Vice Chairman. Each of the 5 Area Partnerships will have an annual, devolved, budget.
- 6.4 Richmondshire Local Strategic Partnership has introduced its first neighbourhood working project in Colburn, the aim of which is for the community to be more active and self sustaining in its drive for overall community cohesiveness and environmental improvements. This is a pilot project and if successful will be rolled out to the district as a whole.

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7 Craven Local Strategic Partnership

7.1 Area Forums are one of the ways that residents in Craven can get involved in their local communities. There are five Area Forums:

- Airedale and South Craven
- Mid Craven and Ribblesdale
- North Craven
- Skipton and West Craven Area
- Wharfedale

7.2 The forums are drop in sessions and each organisation attending has an individual stall.

7.3 Work is progressing to strengthen the ownership of the Forums by the LSP.

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Appendix 4

Joint consultations and engagement database and joint mechanisms for engaging with communities of interest and minority groups:

1. Comments were sought from partner organisations on an initial proposal for a joint consultations and engagement database.
2. There were 14 responses. All supported the proposal, at least in principle, with a number of practical issues being raised. In summary the key issues raised and proposed responses are:
 - a. ensuring that partner organisations enter data in the database – each partner organisation to be asked to nominate one person to be responsible for ensuring that their data is entered and kept up-to-date
 - b. the inclusion of all partner organisations including those in York – all partner organisations in North Yorkshire and York will be invited to participate
 - c. ensuring the database is as user-friendly as possible including minimising the number of fields, using tags to facilitate searching and linking to published results held on partner organisations' websites – the number of proposed fields to be reduced, further discussion is required about the tags to be used and the proposal has always been to link to published results held on partner organisations' websites rather than collect these centrally
 - d. clarity needed about the audience – the audience is primarily partner organisations but database will be publicly accessible
 - e. no reference to techniques used or whether outcomes were met, feedback given or if the consultation led to any changes in service delivery – purpose of database is to allow quick identification of, and link to, relevant consultation exercises, the responsibility for quality and outcomes remain with the partner organisation undertaking each consultation.
3. The next steps are to:
 - a. based on the latest thinking, check out the practical issues regarding hosting within the NYSP website and existing budget
 - b. ask partner organisations, including those in York, to identify a lead person who can contribute to final decisions on database fields and tags, and be responsible for ensuring that their organisation's data would be entered and kept up-to-date

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Appendix 5

Joint local problem solving:

1. Work towards formulating a joint protocol for local problem solving is making slow but steady progress. A working group has been formed and has met to consider the key features of such a protocol, having regard to existing arrangements within various partner organisations and partnerships for local problem solving so as not to risk 're-inventing the wheel' .
2. To this end, it is likely that the problem solving protocol will take the form of a simple checklist of factors/issues to be considered by the body seeking a solution. That checklist will include a need to consider guidance documents for individual partner agencies or partnerships operating within a locality at the time in order to ensure a measured and co-ordinated approach.
3. Conversely, where local guidance is sparse, or even non-existent, the protocol should at least prompt and, where appropriate, signpost good practice and consideration of possible solutions beyond the immediate and direct remit of the group in question. For example, if the problem relates to anti-social behaviour and a solution is sought under the remit of Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships, the protocol should prompt exploration of other fora e.g. health or vulnerable adults, as potential contributors to the solution.
4. The emerging view also points to the need for a protocol that recognises the concerns and wishes of partner agencies and dependencies. In this regard members of the NYSP Executive are invited to forward their thoughts to the working group lead, Nigel Hutchinson.
5. Research undertaken by the task group has revealed a wide variation in the level of prescription applied to problem solving by various partnerships within the sub-region; at one end of the spectrum a tailored multi-agency system that specifies who will meet, under what circumstances and with what remit is in place, whilst at the other end, there is little beyond an awareness of generic guidance available on Government web pages and the like. The emergent protocol must therefore strike the correct balance of prescription/flexibility and prevention/reaction if it is to be valued and widely used.
6. Importantly, the problem solving working group has identified a similar piece of work being undertaken within the North Yorkshire Criminal Justice Board (LCJB), with the consequential risk that unless the two pieces of work are harmonised then, not only would this represent a duplication of effort, but it may also lead to two problem solving protocols operating within the same geographical area and applicable to the same organisations but which are unintentionally contradictory. In an effort to prevent this eventuality the LCJB support manager has been invited onto the working group, and the two pieces of work are being rationalised and consolidated.

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Appendix 6

Joint toolkit and training/shared learning:

1. An online Community of Practice (CoP) has been set up through the IDeA website to provide an interactive forum for sharing engagement toolkits and strategies, event information, documents and learning. It is open to those working in the public, voluntary and community, and business and independent sectors in North Yorkshire, particularly, but not exclusively, those in the NYSP wider Partnership.
2. The Community of Practice is a virtual network which has discussion forums, events postings, a document library, links to other useful websites, and the facility to create blogs and wikis.
3. Currently there are 33 members from a range of organisations across the County and topics include duty to involve, survey mapping, citizens panels, and toolkits for youth participation.
4. A link has been set up from the community engagement and neighbourhood management pages of the NYSP website, and the CoP has been publicised to partner organisations. Further work is planned to expand membership and use.
5. To participate in the community of practice, you must be registered on the IDeA Communities of Practice website which is free, quick and easy to do.
6. Go to www.communities.idea.gov.uk and, once registered, use the search facility or A-Z index to find the North Yorkshire Strategic Partnership (NYSP) community engagement and neighbourhood management Community of Practice, and apply to join.

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Appendix 7

Joint citizens' panels

1. A group was set up to review current practice and assess the benefits of a joint panel.
2. Currently Harrogate Borough Council, North Yorkshire County Council, Richmondshire LSP, Scarborough Borough Council and Selby District Council run a Citizens' Panel. These are all run 'in house' apart from the North Yorkshire County Council panel which is contracted to an external agency. Additionally Hambleton District Council is in the process of setting up a new panel.
3. Research has been carried out into joint panels in other counties and the cost implications of a joint panel. This research indicates that setting up a joint panel would not be cost effective.
4. However, the work undertaken has highlighted that many of the benefits of joint panels could be realised through closer working between partners utilising the existing panel arrangements. It is therefore proposed that partners work closer together over the coming year.

This closer working will include:

- Using the North & East Yorkshire and York Community Engagement Group meetings to co-ordinate the work on citizens' panels and share learning.
- Using the IDeA Communities of Practice to share information including questionnaires, reports and lists of topics covered.
- Developing a level of co-ordination between panels so that common themes are run at similar times.
- Sharing of questions so the same questions can be run in different areas of the county.
- Using the same equalities questions.
- All organisations are proposing to / will use SNAP so there will be opportunities to share joint training / experience / questions / templates.
- Develop common methodology for sharing the results and outcomes of panel research.
- Investigate the use of customer profiling of panel results to allow learning from research carried out in one district to be transferred to other areas.
- Scarborough Borough Council providing additional support for Ryedale District Council to develop their skills in this area.

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Appendix 8

Joint surveys

1 Introduction

- 1.1 There is an increasing requirement for organisations to understand public opinion, and organisations use a variety of methods to gain an understanding of what the public really think about the service they provide and how they could improve it. However, more often than not organisations use surveys as a preferred method of gathering this information.
- 1.2 North Yorkshire Police (NYP) were tasked with undertaking a survey mapping exercise of all public sector organisations in North Yorkshire and the City of York. The aim of the exercise was to find out whether survey overlapping is occurring, where this is occurring and whether there are any opportunities for organisations to collaborate. Collaboration would not only reduce the likelihood of survey fatigue but could also help to reduce costs to public money.

2 Method

- 2.1 NYP produced a spreadsheet for organisations to fill in regarding their public-facing surveys. This spreadsheet was distributed to as many organisations as possible. NYP then collated the responses and compiled the results to see if any similarities appeared.

3 Findings

- 3.1 As of 14 September 2009, 13 different organisations submitted information to be collated into the final spreadsheet. These included Her Majesty's Court Service, Probation, York Youth Offending Team; 5 District Councils, County Council, North Yorkshire Police Authority, North Yorkshire Police, North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service and Scarborough Safer Communities Partnership. According to the information provided, these organisations collectively conduct 82 different surveys throughout the year (with the majority doing the Place Survey).
- 3.2 The surveys cover a variety of areas including community safety, refuse collection, satisfaction with service delivery, health and budgets. The most common theme for surveys to be based on is Community Safety (25 of the surveys undertaken); Leisure being the second most frequently used theme for a survey (10) and both communications and health being the joint third most frequently used theme (9).
- 3.3 Many of the surveys are concerned with the satisfaction, confidence and perception of the service provider. Satisfaction in the individual service is questioned in 39 of the surveys; public perception in the individual service in 37 of the surveys; confidence in the individual service in 28 of the surveys. However, organisations do not routinely ask about service provision when working with other service providers. This could be a reflection on the fact that few (21) surveys are carried out in collaboration with other service providers.
- 3.4 Whilst not scientific as limited information was submitted and some surveys are yet to be completed, an estimated 122,789 surveys are or will be distributed/ conducted from the organisations throughout year. The actual figure could be significantly higher given missing data and the fact that there is not always a specific sample size. Of these 122,789 surveys, an estimated 16,231 people

have or will respond. Again, an actual number of respondents is difficult to scientifically calculate given the constraints of the information but this figure represents less than 10% return rate across the county.

- 3.5 Paper remains the preferred method of distribution with 45 surveys being issued in this way, 17 surveys (of the information provided) were conducted 'face to face' although it must be noted that North Yorkshire Police conduct the majority of their local surveying in this way. 14 surveys have been issued on a website or through the email system whilst only 6 are conducted by telephone.
- 3.6 The cost of surveying within North Yorkshire is difficult to determine as most organisations undertake it as part of an 'every day' role. Some of those who outsource to other companies (very few) have been reluctant to release the costs.
- 3.7 Most organisations will publish their results on the individual website or newsletter and most refer back to the respondents in some way. All organisations use the information gained to monitor and improve service delivery and future planning.

4 Recommendations

- 4.1 From the information gathered, it would be difficult to introduce a County wide surveying programme as all organisations do similar things differently although there could be scope for some collaboration amongst the District Councils.
- 4.2 From the issues covered within the surveys, there is only one recurring theme from the 13 organisations; Community Safety. This was probably to be expected given the new NI 21 indicator around confidence of the local police and authority in tackling crime and anti-social behaviour.
- 4.3 Whilst it is not suggested that formal collaboration takes place regarding this issue, it would be helpful if there were some mandatory questions asked by all organisations when surveying about community safety with a bank of additional questions that could be utilised to enable a picture to build across the county. This would then allow for a 'local feel' to any survey but have the majority of questions as standardised as possible. The mandatory questions could be those within the place survey – in particular, NI 21 and then a selection from the Police's Public Attitude survey could be used as a bank of questions from which to choose.
- 4.4 The Police's Public Attitude survey has been refreshed to fall in line with the Home Office's directive for local confidence surveying which will enable a greater understanding at a local level about community safety issues. It is envisaged that 600 residents per CDRP area will be surveyed within a year ie 50 per month. A baseline is currently being formed so that a year's worth of data will be available by the end of February 2010. With this Home Office development, it would seem appropriate that all other community safety surveys include a selection of the questions within the public attitude to increase the understanding of issues within the county.

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Appendix 9

'Voice Your Choice' Eastfield Participatory Budgeting Pilot

1. A pilot initiative has been underway in the Eastfield area of Scarborough since January 2009, to use Participatory Budgeting (PB) as a method for empowering the local community to allocate a defined public budget towards community safety initiatives.
2. Eastfield was selected as the focus area for the pilot due to being a deprived area with, for example, higher rates of anti-social behaviour than elsewhere in the Borough or the county. It also had the benefit of a strong community infrastructure through the Eastfield Neighbourhood Partnership, who had already undertaken extensive consultative work in partnership with statutory agencies to identify local issues of concern and actions to be taken.
3. Following an unsuccessful bid by North Yorkshire Police Authority (NYPA) for £20k of Home Office funding for a pilot PB initiative in Eastfield in January of this year, NYPA met the funding shortfall and, with contributions from other partners such as NYCC (£5k), North Yorkshire Police (£3k) and the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP) for Scarborough (£1k), was able to take the pilot forward. Other key partners involved in the pilot were Scarborough Borough Council and elected members from the Parish, Borough and County Councils. These partners formed a steering group with five residents from the Eastfield community, one of whom chaired the steering group. Support was also provided to the group by the national Participatory Budgeting Unit.
4. Projects for this initiative were invited from statutory agencies, local schools, local community organisations and others up to a limit of £10k around the theme of achieving/promoting community safety in Eastfield. The final combined pot of money available to Eastfield residents for projects was just over £32k. At a public voting event held in Eastfield on 20th June 2009, project applicants were invited to hold marketplace stalls and to deliver a short presentation on their projects to the community. Residents voted to fully fund eight of the projects put before them, including a mix of youth activity-related projects and others intended to help reduce fear of crime within the older and more vulnerable sections of the community.
5. A full evaluation of the PB pilot is now underway, although it will be some months before the impact of the successful projects 'on the ground' can really be assessed. An initial analysis of the feedback and evaluation forms received at the event indicate though that 100% of attendees felt that the PB event was a good way of bringing agencies and local people together to tackle issues and, perhaps most significantly, around two-thirds had never attended any kind of community event previously. LGYH will be delivering a regional PB event in October for Members and officers which will showcase a DVD of the Eastfield PB experience. A report has gone to the County Council's Safe and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny (O&S) Committee and is scheduled for consideration by Scarborough BC's Corporate Strategy O&S Committee in November 09.

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