

North Yorkshire Strategic Partnership – Executive Key Messages from the meeting on 1 October 2009

The **NYSP Executive** met on 1 October 2009 at County Hall, Northallerton.

A confidential document had been circulated to members in advance of the meeting from Mike Newbury of the Audit Commission, presenting a draft of some of the findings of the emerging **Comprehensive Area Assessment**. Mike was unable to attend the meeting but Executive members discussed the draft in detail and agreed to provide their individual comments in response via NYCC for 7th October. These will further feed into the formal report due to be published at the end of the year.

Janet Waggott presented a paper on **Climate Change**, which followed on from the discussions around this theme which took place at the NYSP Partnership on 10th September. It was agreed that Janet would become the overall NYSP climate change champion and that the Stronger/Rural Partnership will develop a NYSP climate change framework/set of guiding principles. It was also agreed that each of the NYSP thematic partnerships should consider climate change issues in relation to their individual work programmes. Members discussed whether there may be potential for climate change to have a stand-alone thematic focus within the NYSP. A further paper will come to the next NYSP Executive in January 2010 which will consider the scope of this suggestion.

The Executive also discussed the future allocation of **Performance Reward Grant** linked to performance against the stretch targets of the Local Area Agreement. It is anticipated that around £12m will be payable to the NYSP next year. Whilst many different ideas were proposed by members, the Executive were in overall agreement that the monies received should be directed towards something innovative which will bring about improvements and efficiencies, as well as making a difference to a number of people in the county. A paper will be brought to the next meeting on 7 January 2010 on this issue for further discussion. Any proposal agreed then by the NYSP Executive would need to be put forward to North Yorkshire County Council for final agreement.

An update paper was presented on work underway across the various workstreams of the joint **community engagement and neighbourhood management framework**, including for example the considerable developments made on the Neighbourhood Profiles work. People can go to the NYSP web site and look at mapping and data concerning their area – see <http://www.nysp.org.uk/html/neighbourhood-profiles/>

A report was considered regarding NYSP partners' **response to the recession**. The Audit Commission has produced a report highlighting the need for councils to work with a wide range of partners locally to agree a strategic response to the recession. A checklist has also been developed to assist in a 'self-assessment' of partners' approach to the

recession. The Executive will comment on the initial checklist response prepared and identify where further actions may be required to help deal with the recession.

The Executive also discussed the future role of the **NYSP Partnership**. Whilst it was agreed that the Executive, Wider Partnership and Thematic Partnerships all play a clear and effective role within the current NYSP structure, the Partnership – due in part to its size – has struggled to achieve quality outcomes. A paper will be drafted in the next few months which will propose a way forward and will be shared with both the Executive and Partnership for their comments. These will then feed into another discussion at the next NYSP Executive in January.

A performance update was provided for the **Local Area Agreement 2008/11 (LAA)** at the end of Quarter 1. Some stretch targets still present cause for concern, such as around affordable housing. There are also notable successes for example the designated target around household waste sent for reuse, recycling and composting. There will be a light-touch refresh of the LAA at the end of this year. The Executive again reviewed the issue of carry-over of **Pump Priming Grant** among the Thematic Partnerships. John Marsden will be contacting all Thematic Partnership leads later in the month to ascertain where money is not going to be spent and identify what could be done with this money.

Members were reminded that the **NYSP Wider Partnership conference** will be taking place on Thursday 15th October 2009 at the Pavilions of Harrogate. Any members wishing to go but who have not responded must do so as soon as possible to ppu@northyorks.gov.uk.

Dates for the Diary:

- NYSP Executive meetings:**
- Thursday 7th January 2010, 2:30pm, Conyngham Hall, Knaresborough.
 - Thursday 15th April 2010, 2:30pm, County Hall, Northallerton.

For further information about any aspect of these key messages and the work of the NYSP please contact diane.parsons@northyorks.gov.uk The papers for the meeting are available on the NYSP website www.nysp.org.uk/executive