

## North Yorkshire Strategic Partnership - Executive

### Minutes of meeting on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2009 at County Hall, Northallerton.

#### 1.0 Welcome, apologies and minutes of meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> June 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 25<sup>th</sup> June 2009 were agreed as a true and accurate record.

#### 2.0 Matters arising from meeting of 25<sup>th</sup> June 2009

- 2.1 An updates table had been circulated in advance to members on the numerous matters arising from the last meeting. The following additional points were raised at the meeting.
- 2.2 (9.0) Future Jobs Fund. This bid has been successful. Current NYSP Executive partners involved are NYCC, Scarborough Borough Council and Hambleton and Richmondshire District Councils. If any other NYSP Executive partners would like to become involved, they should contact John Marsden.
- 2.3 (10.1) Commonality of language across local sustainable community strategies (SCSs). The discussions that had taken place through LSP Co-ordinators' meeting were noted and it was agreed to confirm that that commonality of language would be sought for objectives / issues through the development of the next North Yorkshire SCS. It was recognised that it would be difficult to achieve commonality for high-level vision statements as these need to be specific to the area covered and reflect the relevant LDF.
- 2.3 (8.1) Domestic abuse: strategic planning and delivery components. Nigel Hutchinson and Adam Briggs (NY Police) met with Jayne Brown to discuss mainstreaming funding for the domestic abuse co-ordinator posts. Jayne Brown updated that the PCT is not in a position to fund these posts going forward and apologised for the length of time taken to reach this decision. However, this is a priority issue for the PCT and they will be considering how they can use mainstream resources in this area.

#### 3.0 Update on Comprehensive Area Assessment

- 3.1 Mike Newbury of the Audit Commission had sent his apologies to the meeting but had provided a confidential draft of the some of the most important elements of the emerging area assessment. Members discussed the draft in some detail. The document highlighted several "Issues for Reporting" but members were unclear as to the status of these issues, which needs to be clarified with the Audit Commission. It was agreed that a number of areas also need to be clarified as they are either factually incorrect or the information/assessment given is qualitatively lacking. There has also been no use of or reference to the recent Place Survey results, which would provide an important voice from the county's communities. Comments on the draft need to be returned to Mike Newbury by close of play on 7<sup>th</sup> October before the process becomes more formalised. It was therefore agreed that Hugh Williamson would circulate a schedule to the Executive outlining which members he expects to comment on which

areas of the document. Each of these identified partners will provide comments as needed by the morning of 6<sup>th</sup> October 2009 for Hugh to collate.

#### **4.0 Local Area Agreement 2008/11 – Q1 Performance Monitoring**

- 4.1 Kevin Brown updated members on progress against LAA targets at the end of Quarter 1. Two of the stretch targets remain a cause for concern, namely NI 117/the percentage of 16 to 18 year-olds not in education, employment or training and also L72 (NI 155)/number of affordable homes delivered (gross). Some targets have seen particular successes within Quarter 1, such as the designated targets around household waste sent for reuse, recycling and composting (NI 192) and the percentage of municipal waste land filled (NI 193).
- 4.3 There will be a light-touch refresh of the LAA at the end of this year just to re-confirm targets. It was noted that the refresh should also look at the district Local Development Framework timetables which have been re-negotiated with GOYH but which are not in synch with the LAA. It was also noted that there may be a problem with reviewing LAA performance at the NYSP Executive where information for the subsequent quarter may already be available by the meeting and as such the previous quarter's review seems out-of-date. It was clarified that the timetable is such that it allows Thematic Partnerships to have reviewed their progress and fed back in to the Executive, which should always be the final stage in this process.

#### **5.0 LAA Quarter 1 Financial Monitoring Report**

- 5.1 Debbie Bassett reported that following the previous Executive meeting, those lead Thematic partners who had carried forward Pump Priming Grant (PPG) funding from 2008/09 had been challenged on their spending plans for this financial year. This resulted in some – relatively small – changes being made to allocations. Members discussed whether there may be an opportunity to reallocate some of the funding where it cannot be spent. It was agreed that the Executive needs to be made aware quickly if money cannot be spent so that a suitable project(s) can be identified. To this effect John Marsden will be contacting all Thematic leads by the end of the third week in October to establish where there are monies that cannot be spent in this financial year. Debbie will also circulate information regarding the Quarter 2 returns to members.

#### **6.0 LAA Performance Reward Grant**

- 6.1 A discussion took place regarding 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. There is no pattern at present in other two-tier areas for how this money may be allocated. Members felt overall that this grant should be directed towards things which are innovative, which bring about improvements and efficiencies, which makes a difference to a number of people in the county and also which help to reduce partners' collective financial pressures further down the line. It was also felt that the money should also be directed towards just one or two significant interventions so as to not dilute its impact. There was general agreement around ensuring that some of the reward (the greater of £1m or 10%) is given to the voluntary and community sector to create an endowment fund, as discussed on previous occasions. Various different ideas were proposed by members for allocation of the reward grant. It was agreed that the issue will be revisited at the next Executive meeting in January 2010, where proposals will be drawn out and discussed further. Once the Executive has agreed on a way forward early

next year then the business case will need to be referred to the County Council for final agreement.

## **7.0 Progress report on joint community engagement and neighbourhood management work**

7.1 A comprehensive six-monthly update report had been circulated to members with the meeting papers, covering progress to date against all workstreams within the NYSP community engagement and neighbourhood management framework. It was noted that although this is a NYSP framework, City of York Council have been engaging on progress with this. Of particular note is the considerable progress made on the development of the Neighbourhood Profiles, which can be accessed via the NYSP web site at <http://www.nysp.org.uk/html/neighbourhood-profiles/>. Members noted the updates provided. Another update paper will come to the Executive in April 2010.

## **8.0 Climate change**

8.1 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 10<sup>th</sup> September. It was proposed that climate change is not something which belongs purely within the Stronger/Rural Partnership. Members discussed the potential for separating climate change and related environmental issues into a distinct thematic group. A paper will come to the next meeting in January which will consider the scope of this suggestion. In the meantime, 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. Janet's paper also asked the Executive for provision of a £10k annual budget for the NI 186 (per capita reduction in CO2 emissions) delivery group. It was suggested that this could come from Pump Priming Grant. Debbie Bassett will look into this and advise.

## **9.0 Responding to the recession**

9.1 Gary Fielding presented a paper 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. A further paper will be brought on this issue in January 2010.

## **10.0 Review of NYSP Partnership meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2009 and way forward for the NYSP Partnership**

10.1 A discussion took place regarding the role of the NYSP Partnership and its effectiveness within the wider NYSP structure. It was agreed that the Executive, Thematic Partnerships and the Wider Partnership are all working well but that the Partnership – due partly to its size – has struggled to achieve a two-way debate at meetings and to deliver quality outcomes. Research has shown that North Yorkshire is the only two-tier area to have a component such as the Partnership within the LSP structure. Some other authorities have adopted a Leaders / Chairs board. Consideration would need to be given as to how to engage some of the 'locally-identified' organisations as well as all those with a duty to cooperate. It was agreed that John Marsden will draw up a note outlining proposals for change. This will be

shared with the NYSP Executive for their comments in the next month before being shared more widely with partners before the end of the year.

### 11.0 Any other business

11.1 Gary Fielding updated that the previously reported bid to the RIEP for funding for the Local Information System (LIS) has been successful. At present it is not known accurately how much funding will be awarded but this will be a sizeable amount which will help considerably towards further development of the LIS.

### 12.0 Date, time and venue of future meetings

12.1 The next meeting will be held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2010 from 2:30pm to 4:30pm at Conyngham Hall, Knaresborough.

12.2 It was noted that the Wider Partnership conference will be taking place on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2009 at the Pavilions of Harrogate and members were urged to respond as soon as possible if they wish to attend and have not done so.

### 13.0 Actions arising

	Paragraph reference	Action	Lead	Deadline
1	3.1	(i) Identify which partners need to comment on specific parts of the draft CAA document and circulate details. (ii) Provide Hugh Williamson with comments on/input into draft CAA document.	(i) Hugh Williamson  (ii) All / as identified	(i) 2 Oct 2009  (ii) 6 Oct 2009 (9:00am)
2.	5.1	(i) Contact Thematic leads to identify where PPG monies may not be spent in the current FY. (ii) Circulate details of Q2 returns when available.	(i) John Marsden  (ii) Debbie Bassett	(i) 23 Oct 2009  (ii) End Oct 2009
3	8.1	Review whether an annual budget of £10k for the NI 186 delivery group could be drawn from Pump Priming Grant.	Debbie Bassett	End Oct 2009
4.	9.1	Provide Gary Fielding with comments on the checklist highlighting approach taken to tackling the recession.	All	End October 2009  [date amended after meeting]
4.	10.1	Draft critique of NYSP Partnership and proposals for way forward – to share: (i) with NYSP Exec; and (ii) with NYSP Partnership.	John Marsden/ Neil Irving	(i) by Nov 2009 (ii) by Dec 2009

## Appendix 1

### Attendees – NYSP Executive of 1<sup>st</sup> October 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
Jim Dillon	-	Scarborough Borough Council
Paul Shevlin	-	Craven District Council
Wallace Sampson	-	Harrogate Borough Council
Andy Wilson	-	North York Moors National Park Authority
David Butterworth	-	Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority
Helen Black	-	North Yorkshire Forum for Voluntary Organisations
Grahame Maxwell	-	North Yorkshire Police
David Butterworth	-	Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority
Jayne Brown	-	NHS North Yorkshire and York
Peter Brambleby	-	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:**

Gary Fielding	-	NYCC
Debbie Bassett	-	NYCC
Hugh Williamson	-	NYCC
Neil Irving	-	NYCC
Kevin Brown	-	NYCC
Diane Parsons	-	NYCC

#### **Apologies:**

Martin Connor	-	Selby District Council
Gary Williamson	-	Leeds, York & North Yorkshire Chamber of Commerce
Richard Flinton	-	York and North Yorkshire Partnership Executive
Mike Newbury	-	Audit Commission