

## **North Yorkshire Strategic Partnership - Executive**

### **Minutes of meeting on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2009 at Conyngham Hall, Knaresborough.**

#### **1.0 Welcome, apologies and minutes of meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> April 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 30<sup>th</sup> April 2009 were agreed as a true and accurate record.

#### **2.0 Matters arising from meeting of 30<sup>th</sup> April 2009**

- 2.1 (3.1) Place Survey. The Place Survey results have now come out. A quick comparison has been done within NYCC which indicates that North Yorkshire has performed better than average both regionally and nationally. Hugh Williamson circulated a brief tabular breakdown of the results. It was agreed that this would be circulated electronically after the meeting and that further analysis and dissemination work will be picked up through the LAA Officers' Group.
- 2.2 (7.1) Inward Migration – paper for Local Government York and North Yorkshire. This report will be brought to the next meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2009.
- 2.3 (7.2) Migration Impacts Fund. A response is still awaited on the application to this fund.
- 2.4 (9.0) Partnerships Governance. A NYSP event around partnerships governance has been proposed by the Police Authority, to include input from the Audit Commission. Neil Irving will liaise with NYSP Executive members in due course about arrangements for the event, likely to be in the autumn.
- 2.5 (10.1) Draft timetable of key partnership assessments, strategies, plans and agreements 2009/11. There will be discussions with LSP Co-ordinators initially to progress the agreement given at the last meeting to ensuring some commonality of language across local sustainable community strategies.

#### **3.0 PREVENT update**

3.1 Janet Waggott reported that the PREVENT Implementation Board are meeting monthly but that there is still a lot of work to do to raise awareness locally of what this workstream is about. The Executive agreed that a countywide action plan be developed to tackle violent extremism. It was also agreed that as PREVENT cuts across both the Safer and Stronger/Rural Thematic Partnerships on the NYSP that it would be most appropriate for update reports to come to the NYSP Executive.

#### **4.0 Local Area Agreement 2008/11 – Performance at the end of Q4**

4.1 Hugh Williamson advised the Executive before the Q4 report was taken that an internal audit of the LAA has now been concluded and has determined that the overall

governance and performance management arrangements are working well, bar a few points/recommendations to be reviewed by the LAA Officers' Group.

- 4.2 Kevin Brown updated members on progress against LAA targets at the end of Quarter 4. Seventeen of the 19 'stretch' targets are either above target or on track to meet the end of year target. Two targets remain a cause for concern, namely NI 117 (the percentage of 16 to 18 year olds who are not in education, employment or training) and L 72 / NI 155 (number of affordable homes delivered (gross)). Both targets have planned or undertaken actions to mitigate problems although the latter is hampered by the recessionary climate.
- 4.3 The report also incorporated a summary of the key findings of the risk-assessment recently undertaken for each Thematic Partnership (TP) around such issues as identifying the targets of highest risk and assessing the robustness of TP action in taking action around such targets. The overview showed a very positive picture overall and enabled TPs to analyse in detail the areas where action may be required to bring performance back on track.
- 4.4 The Executive agreed a change to target L 37 / To increase the value of tourism earnings in North Yorkshire by at least 5% by 2010. It was agreed that the 2007 data received from Welcome to Yorkshire will be used as a revised baseline for this target with a 5% target increase agreed against the new baseline.

## **5.0 LAA 1 funding – report on end of year outturn**

- 5.1 Debbie Bassett reported that there is an underspend of £252,000 of Pump Priming Grant from 2008/09, compared with a forecast of £191,000 at Quarter 3. It was therefore agreed that John Marsden would speak to each of the TP Chairs over the course of the next few weeks to determine whether the underspends can confidently be spent in this financial year or if the monies need to be reallocated.

## **6.0 Update on Comprehensive Area Assessment**

- 6.1 Mike Newbury, Lead Inspector from the Audit Commission for the Comprehensive Area Assessment (CAA), presented on the emerging picture for North Yorkshire and the next steps in the process. The big questions for the Audit Commission have focussed around issues such as "how well do partners in North Yorkshire deliver outcomes and improvement?" and "what are the prospects for improvement?". In reviewing these questions, Mike took two priority areas, namely "Access to Services and Public Transport" and "Affordable Housing", as examples to highlight the emerging considerations. Strengths identified in these areas included the consultations used to shape services and LAA principles, and also the joint access centres. Areas where it was indicated that more information is needed included understanding how partners are maximising opportunities to share learning and how transport planning is integrated across partners. Other big questions posed by the Audit Commission included:
- How sustainable and cohesive are North Yorkshire's remote communities?
  - Are public organisations providing value for money and planning now for future constraints?
  - How are the needs and aspirations of the vulnerable or excluded identified and met?
- 6.2 In terms of next steps, there will be a roundtable meeting of the key regulators on 8 July to sign off the joint emerging picture. Results from the Place Survey and National Indicators will be incorporated, along with a period of further engagement with partners

to fill gaps in knowledge and develop a shared view on the issues. Mike will return to the 1 October meeting of the NYSP Executive to follow up on his report but will share his emerging view with the NYSP in July. A copy of his presentation can be found at [www.nysp.org.uk/executive](http://www.nysp.org.uk/executive).

## **7.0 Comprehensive Area Assessment – Area Self-Evaluation**

7.1 Following on from Mike Newbury's presentation, the Executive discussed the final draft of the Area Self-Evaluation and agreed that it needs to be reviewed to ensure that any further evidence that may be required by the Audit Commission is in place within the document.

## **8.0 Domestic abuse: strategic planning and delivery components**

8.1 A report was received on the strategic planning and delivery components in place across North Yorkshire in relation to domestic abuse. There is a need to 'champion' this issue at a strategic, multi-agency level and also to get countywide co-ordination in relation to the four Domestic Abuse Co-ordinator posts. Nigel Hutchinson and Adam Briggs (Deputy Chief Constable) will be meeting Jayne Brown of the PCT next week to move forward the issue of securing mainstream funding for these posts. It was agreed that better links need to be made between the Adults, Children and Young People's and Safer TPs on domestic abuse co-ordination. It was also agreed that further work needs to be done to consider the benefits of trialling homicidal reviews.

## **9.0 Future Jobs Fund**

9.1 It was agreed that the NYSP would support a bid to the Department for Work and Pensions' Future Jobs Fund, which aims to reduce the number of young, unemployed people. The North Yorkshire bid envisages creating 30 jobs for the first roll-out of the programme in October 2009 with 70 more jobs to be created over the course of 18 months.

## **10.0 Partnerships Governance**

10.1 Diane Parsons presented a short paper on NYSP governance arrangements, particularly for the Executive and Partnership, against which a self-assessment has been undertaken using the developing NYCC toolkit. The self-assessment highlighted several gaps areas, principally around:

- dealing with disputes;
- a joint NYSP complaints procedure;
- the NYSP's potential to influence the decision-making/policy framework of other partners;
- a code of conduct for members; and
- issuing press statements on behalf of the NYSP.

10.2 It was agreed that a short overarching document will be drafted for the NYSP Executive and Partnerships incorporating broad statements/protocols which will cover off these 'gap' areas and more robustly set out other governance issues. This will be brought to the NYSP Executive for consideration on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2009.

## **11.0 NYSP Wider Partnership conference 2009 – planning update**

11.1 The Executive agreed to the suggestions provided in the report for marketplace stands at this year's conference, to be held on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2009 at the Pavilions of Harrogate. The following additional suggestions were also provided:

- Access to services – Yorkshire Connect
- Working with parish councils
- Welcome to Yorkshire
- Safer Neighbourhoods

Relevant leads for all stands will be contacted by end of July with further information about the conference.

## **12.0 Review of NYSP Partnership meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2009 and planning for the 10<sup>th</sup> September meeting**

12.1 It was agreed that whilst the last meeting of the Partnership had involved some interesting and useful presentations, further consideration needs to be given to its format and structure and, overall, the intended outcomes of the Partnership, to ensure that engagement through these meetings is maximised for best results. The next meeting of the Partnership will take place on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September at 1:30pm in the Council Chamber at County Hall. The key theme will be climate change and there will also be a presentation from the MOD.

## **13.0 Any other business**

13.1 John Marsden had circulated in advance of the meeting a draft response from NYCC to the LGA and IDeA consultation paper on “Setting the pace: developing a framework for sector-led help”. The Executive agreed to this response being put forward as a joint NYSP response.

## **14.0 Date, time and venue of next meeting**

14.1 The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> October 2009 from 2:30pm to 4:30pm in the Grand meeting room at County Hall, Northallerton.

## **15.0 Actions arising**

	Paragraph reference	Action	Lead	Deadline
1	2.1	Circulate electronic version of initial Place Survey results comparison.	Hugh Williamson	29 June 2009
2.	5.1	Liaise with Thematic Partnership Chairs to determine allocation of PPG carry-over for 2009/10.	John Marsden	24 July 2009
3.	7.1	CAA area self-evaluation to be reviewed to see if further evidence needs to be incorporated following presentation by Audit Commission on the emerging picture.	Hugh Williamson	1 July 2009
4.	10.2	NYSP governance document (for Partnership and Executive) to be drafted and presented for 1 <sup>st</sup> October 2009 Executive meeting.	Diane Parsons	1 October 2009

## Appendix 1

### Attendees – NYSP Executive of 30<sup>th</sup> 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
Jim Dillon	-	Scarborough Borough Council
Paul Shevlin	-	Craven District Council
Rachel Bowles	-	Harrogate Borough Council (on behalf of Wallace Sampson)
Jonathan Lund	-	Selby District Council (on behalf of Martin Connor)
Richard Flinton	-	York and North Yorkshire Partnership Executive
David O'Brien	-	Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership (on behalf of Cynthia Welbourn)
Andy Wilson	-	North York Moors National Park Authority
Christine Bainton	-	North Yorkshire Forum for Voluntary Organisations (on behalf of Helen Black)
Grahame Maxwell	-	North Yorkshire Police
David Butterworth	-	Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority
David Fraser	-	Government Office for Yorkshire & the Humber (Observer)

#### In Attendance:

Michael Newbury	-	Audit Commission
Alan Humphreys	-	Audit Commission
Gary Fielding	-	NYCC
Debbie Bassett	-	NYCC
Hugh Williamson	-	NYCC
Neil Irving	-	NYCC
Kevin Brown	-	NYCC
Diane Parsons	-	NYCC

#### Apologies:

Jayne Brown	-	NHS North Yorkshire and York
Gary Williamson	-	Leeds, York & North Yorkshire Chamber of Commerce
Derek Law	-	NYSP Adults' Strategic Partnership
Cynthia Welbourn	-	NY Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership
Peter Brambleby	-	NYSP Healthier Communities Partnership