

North Yorkshire Strategic Partnership

Minutes of meeting on Thursday 10th September 2009 at County Hall, Northallerton

Attendees and apologies for absence are listed at Appendix 1.

1.0 Minutes of the meeting on 12 March 2009

- 1.1 The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a true and accurate record. There were no matters arising.

2.0 Thematic Partnership updates

- 2.1 Written updates had been provided for information by each Thematic Partnership Chair and were noted by the members. Members were invited to contact the officers listed within the updates with any queries.

3.0 Local Area Agreement 2008/11 – Quarter 1 Performance Report

- 3.1 Members noted an information paper updating on progress against the Local Area Agreement 2008/11 (LAA) at the end of Quarter 1.

4.0 Comprehensive Area Assessment

- 4.1 Mike Newbury from the Audit Commission gave a short verbal update on the Comprehensive Area Assessment process. The assessment will be published at the end of this year but an emerging picture has been developed and was shared with NYSP partners at the end of July. Mike thanked those members of the Partnership who have assisted him and his team over recent months, particularly those who have contributed to the case studies, for example around affordable housing. Mike also explained the coloured flag system in indicating levels of performance. A draft of the assessment will be available on 16th October but the final assessment will be published in December via the Oneplace website (accessible via www.direct.gov.uk).

5.0 Key Theme: Climate Change

- 5.1 The focus of the meeting was the issue of climate change and the actions that partners can take to tackle this agenda. Two presentations were given on this issue. The key points are outlined below.

- **David Fraser, Deputy Regional Director, Environment and Corporate Affairs, Government Office for Yorkshire and the Humber**
“The Climate Change Challenge for North Yorkshire”
 - UK climate change projections from Defra show that there are likely to be significant increases in the average summer temperature, significant decreases in summer rainfall and significant increases in winter rainfall. There are also likely to be significant sea level rises along the coast.
 - Key drivers for climate change include the Climate Change Act which sets out an 80% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2050.

- In common with all local authority areas, North Yorkshire is a long way off meeting its share of the national targets for CO₂ reduction. We can do a lot to ensure that we align what we're doing at a regional level with the national and international levels.
 - Yorkshire Forward has produced a report detailing the top ten things we can do to cut carbon emissions at a sensible cost. It is important to take things forward both individually and organisationally.
 - The Regional Adaptation Study (www.adaptyh.co.uk) highlights how things might change in North Yorkshire over the coming years as a consequence of climate change.
 - It will be cheaper for us to act now and start changes early. We should also see this as an opportunity to help us through the economic downturn and reduce problems such as fuel poverty.
 - Further information on local climate change projections can be found at www.defra.gov.uk/adaptation and <http://ukclimateprojections.defra.gov.uk>.
- **Janet Waggott, CEO of Ryedale District Council and Chair of the Stronger/Rural Partnership**
“A partnership approach to climate change”
 - The public will expect NYSP partners to lead in tackling this agenda and there are also financial savings to be made in doing so.
 - Progress to date against the three LAA targets has been good in parts but not as co-ordinated or supported as it might be.
 - There are various barriers and challenges to taking this agenda forward effectively, including the need to pool resources and develop countywide leadership.
 - Partners will work together better as a group of organisations and sectors rather than as individuals.
 - The climate change agenda is a large one and not simply for those partners involved on the Stronger/Rural Partnership.

5.2 As part of the subsequent discussion, it was highlighted that a common set of principles or a framework was needed to tackle the climate change agenda in North Yorkshire. Additionally there is a need for greater emphasis on the domestic arena, namely the local authority role in encouraging home insulation and tackling fuel poverty. There is also the wider issue surrounding the impact of expansion of the sub-region's airports on the county's ability to meet the challenges of the climate change agenda.

5.3 A paper will be taken on this issue to the NYSP Executive on 1st October 2009 for further consideration and the points raised at the NYSP Partnership meeting will feed into these discussions. Members were asked to note that both the Carbon Trust (www.carbontrust.co.uk) and the Energy Saving Trust (www.energysavingtrust.org.uk) are valuable sources of advice on reducing carbon emissions.

6.0 Defence presence in North Yorkshire

6.1 Roland Crooke from the MOD delivered a presentation on the defence presence in North Yorkshire and the military and civil integration project. North Yorkshire has the largest military garrison in Europe. The “Yorkshire Super Garrison” includes Catterick, York, Leeming and Linton on Ouse. The development of facilities around Catterick recently has led to a new leisure centre and re-housed library, plus single living accommodation for service personnel. A particular focus for the MOD has been those issues which affect service personnel in the area as citizens and the need to ensure a

firm base for them and their families, through access to good schools, healthcare and other services. Catterick is a largely single-parent community for a proportion of the year and this also places a great deal of stress on the local community. The MOD has therefore been consulting with residents, military personnel and key partners in North Yorkshire to develop ways of targeting of these issues. There are, for example, a number of workstreams planned or underway, including:

- Supported housing to be built for veterans in Catterick;
- Close monitoring of the local homelessness figures in Catterick. Soldiers leaving their quarters in the area now have to register locally as being homeless;
- Working with partners to develop/raise the performance of local schools;
- Working with the PCT on co-operative healthcare;
- Supporting veterans with mental health care needs; and
- Developing a joint study with partners such as NYCC, Yorkshire Forward and others to assess the economic impact of the defence presence in the county.

The MOD also has a regular presence at Government Office for Yorkshire and the Humber to ensure better linkages with central government.

- 6.2 The MOD will be considering the scope of their Safety and Security workstream as part of the above work, following discussions with the York and North Yorkshire Safer Communities Forum, to include determining whether this aspect of the military and civil integration project could use 'Safer' structures already in place. It was also highlighted that the MOD will need to give further consideration to the 'green credentials' of the garrison in North Yorkshire, namely its impact on the local environment.

6.0 Dates and venues of future meetings

- 6.1 The next meeting of the NYSP Partnership will be held on Thursday, 11th March 2010 at County Hall, Northallerton.
- 6.2 The annual NYSP Wider Partnership conference is scheduled to take place on Thursday 15th October 2009 at the Pavilions of Harrogate and will look at the challenges facing partners across the county. Members were reminded that this event is free but that those wishing to attend must return a booking form by 30th September to ppu@northyorks.gov.uk.

Appendix 1

Attendees – NYSP Meeting of 10th September 2009

Member Organisations:

Cllr Heather Garnett	-	NYCC (Chair)
Nigel Hutchinson	-	North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service
Cllr John Fort	-	North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority
Richard Burnett	-	Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority
Cllr Bob Baker	-	Hambleton District Council
Grahame Maxwell	-	North Yorkshire Police
Richard Sunley	-	Scarborough & N. East Yorkshire Healthcare NHS Trust
Colin Martin	-	Tees, Esk and Wear Valley NHS Foundation Trust
Peter Nottage	-	Natural England
Cllr John Fort	-	North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority
Cllr Geoff Webber	-	NYCC member
Simon Firth	-	Environment Agency
Gary Williamson	-	Leeds, York and North Yorkshire Chamber of Commerce
Cllr Margaret Nicholson	-	Yorkshire Local Councils Association
Bob Curry	-	North Yorkshire Forum for Voluntary Organisations
Wendy Merry	-	Voluntary and Community Sector
Sue Vasey	-	Voluntary and Community Sector
Milton Pearson	-	Voluntary and Community Sector
Bill Cross	-	Yorkshire Rural Community Council
Cllr Chris Knowles-Fitton	-	Craven District Council
Paul Shevlin	-	Craven District Council
Liz Smith	-	Hambleton & Richmondshire District Councils
Rosemary Taylor	-	Hambleton LSP
Hilary Jones	-	Scarborough Borough Council
Cllr Keith Knaggs	-	Ryedale District Council
Cllr Clare Wood	-	Ryedale Strategic Partnership
Jonathan Lund	-	Selby District Council
Nigel Heptinstall	-	Harrogate District Strategic Partnership
Laurie Norris	-	National Farmers' Union
Jayne Brown	-	NHS North Yorkshire and York
Peter Brambleby	-	NHS North Yorkshire and York
Andy Wilson	-	North York Moors National Park Authority

Observer:

David Fraser	-	Government Office for Yorkshire & the Humber
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NYSP Executive Members in attendance (where not also named above):

John Marsden	-	Chief Executive, NYCC
Richard Flinton	-	Business & Environmental Services, NYCC
Peter Simpson	-	Hambleton & Richmondshire District Councils
Janet Waggott	-	Ryedale District Council

Also in attendance:

Roland Crooke	-	MoD
Mike Newbury	-	Audit Commission
Kristina Peat	-	NYCC

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

Apologies – NYSP Meeting of 12th March 2009

Adam Cairns (Airedale NHS Trust)
Cluny Macpherson (Arts Council England)
Roger Ranson (City of York Council)
Dorothy Fairburn (Country Land and Business Association)
Cllr Paul English (Craven LSP)
Trevor Mitchell (English Heritage)
Peter Pybus (Federation of Small Businesses)
John Lawlor (Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust)
Cllr. Dr. Mike Gardner (Harrogate Borough Council)
Wallace Sampson (Harrogate Borough Council)
Paul Spurrier (Health & Safety Executive)
Peter Godfrey (Highways Agency)
John Duffill (Jobcentre Plus)
Liz Burdett (Learning & Skills Council)
Col. Nick Millen (MOD/Catterick Garrison – represented by Roland Crooke)
Martin Watson (MOD - represented by Roland Crooke)
Jayne Tyler (Museums, Libraries and Archives)
Cllr Jane Kenyon (North Yorkshire Police Authority)
Kevin Holt (Voluntary and Community Sector)
Stephanie Sturrock (North Yorkshire Coast Community Partnership)
Derek Law (Adult & Community Services, NYCC)
Cynthia Welbourn (Children & Young People’s Services, NYCC)
Cllr Penny Marsden (NYCC Member)
Cllr John Watson (NYCC Member)
Cllr John Weighell (NYCC Member)
Pete Brown (Probation Service)
Judith Bromfield (Richmondshire LSP)
Cllr Fleur Butler (Richmondshire District Council)
Cllr Tom Fox (North Yorkshire Coast Community Partnership – represented by Hilary Jones)
Jim Dillon (Scarborough Borough Council – represented by Hilary Jones)
Martin Connor (Selby District Council & Selby District LSP – represented by Jonathan Lund)
Jill Moulton (South Tees Hospital NHS Trust)
Alistair Copeland (Sport England)
Neil Wilson (York Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust)
Julie Hutton (Yorkshire Forward)
Lesley Ingleson (Youth Offending Team)
Richard Ellison (National Farmer’s Union – represented by Laurie Norris)
David Butterworth (Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority – represented by Richard Burnett)
Colin Martin (Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust)