

**York & North Yorkshire Development Board (Economy & Enterprise) - Update**

The Economic Partnership is currently addressing the following issues:

**1. Geographic Programme**

Yorkshire Forward has proposed that it uses this new programme as the basis of agreeing priorities for investment locally which would then be contracted with the NYCC for delivery through partners, such as District Councils. For some major projects such as urban renaissance and the Harrogate International Centre, if they are approved, contracts are likely to be with the relevant District. The programme will also show what the RDA will deliver regionally (e.g. through Business Link) and how they impact locally. Finally it is intended to also show the contribution of other partners such as the Learning and Skills Council.

It has been agreed that the current Sub regional investment plan (SRIP) would be the basis for the programme. It is intended that it will be agreed by the end of the year. A draft will be considered by the Board in November.

It is being prepared by the York and North Yorkshire Partnership Unit working closely with NYCC, District Councils and other partners.

**2. Culture and Tourism**

There are proposals to reposition both the North Yorkshire Cultural partnership and the coordinating group for the Area Tourism Partnerships into a single partnership drawing together tourism and culture investment. This is expected to be agreed by September.

**3. EU funding**

The new EU funded programme has started to deliver activity in 2008. Contracts are already agreed for workspace at Leeming bar and Northallerton and proposals to support the disadvantaged wards in Scarborough are under discussion. The largest scheme is to support the expansion of the University of York.

Support for skills is also available through European social fund and this is delivered by a tender process. For example, adult skills will be delivered by Craven College working with partners throughout North Yorkshire.

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