

North Yorkshire Strategic Partnership

Minutes of meeting on Thursday 11th September 2008 at County Hall, Northallerton

Attendees and apologies for absence are listed at Appendix 1.

1.0 Appointment of Chair

- 1.1 The Partnership agreed that John Weighell should continue as Partnership Chair for the next two years.
- 1.2 Cllr Keith Barnes highlighted the lack of business and private sector representation on the Partnership. It was agreed that John Marsden will pick this up with the Chamber of Commerce.

2.0 Minutes of the meeting on 13th March 2008 and matters arising

- 2.1 The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a true and accurate record.
- 2.2 Roger Ranson was welcomed as a new member to the Partnership from the City of York Council
- 2.3 It was noted that both the NYSP Sustainable Community Strategy 2008/18 and linked Local Area Agreement 2008/11 have been published since the last meeting.

3.0 Terrorism and extremist issues: a North Yorkshire perspective

- 3.1 Steve Norman of the Counter Terrorism unit at North Yorkshire Police presented on the unit's role in identifying and protecting local vulnerable sites across the County and developing multi-agency responses to the threats posed by terrorism. The national CONTEST Strategy has four work streams, namely Pursue, Protect, Prepare and Prevent. 'Prevent' is the most topical of these work streams at the moment, focussing on stopping vulnerable groups becoming involved in terrorism and extremism. The CTSA will be liaising with local authorities in the next few months on the various aspects of the CONTEST strategy.

4.0 Review of progress against the Alcohol priority of Sustainable Community Strategy

- 4.1 A presentation was given by Rosemary Taylor, Chair of the Alcohol Joint Co-ordinating Group (York & North Yorkshire Safer Communities Forum) on progress of the York and North Yorkshire Alcohol Harm Reduction Strategy 2008/11. A paper was also provided by the Primary Care Trust on progress from their perspective. Key points arising during both the presentation and ensuing discussions included:
 - o Alcohol should be seen as a cross-cutting issue;
 - o Funding challenges - due to emphasis on drawing from mainstream funding and also linked to re-commissioning of drugs services;
 - o More engagement is required with the third sector (e.g. Alcoholics Anonymous) and the alcohol industry;
 - o Three Accident and Emergency projects planned in Scarborough, Northallerton and Harrogate to assess the impact of alcohol-related harm;

- A Government Office initiative called the Great Drink Debate is underway, looking for partnership with local authorities and NYCC to have a debate with the public around drinking.

5.0 Review of progress against the Affordable Housing priority of Sustainable Community Strategy

- 5.1 A presentation was given by Colin Dales, Chair of the North Yorkshire Housing Officers Group, focussing on sub-regional work to increase the provision of affordable housing, through groups such as the North Yorkshire Strategic Housing Board and through Supporting People contracts. Issues identified included:
- Underspend on private sector housing when there is a severe lack of available affordable housing. It is hoped that the 'credit crunch' will encourage more private developers to sell stock to housing associations;
 - A need to ensure the right balance between providing for key workers in rural areas and re-housing local people; and
 - the lack of available land for affordable housing schemes and the need to ensure that affordable housing remains affordable in perpetuity.

It was also noted that more work needs to be done on communications for and regarding the North Yorkshire Strategic Housing Board.

6.0 Thematic Partnership Updates

- 6.1 Written updates had been provided for information by each Thematic Partnership Chair and were noted by the members.

7.0 Local Area Agreement 2008/11

- 7.1 Hugh Williamson provided a short update on progress against the Local Area Agreement 2008/11 (LAA). Whilst only the end of Quarter 1, progress is positive. Some targets in particular, such as recycling and composting, have made good progress, whilst others have presented some cause for concern such as affordable housing. There are just a few proposed changes to targets which will be agreed by the NYSP Executive on 2nd October 2008. It was noted that there have been issues surrounding the target for direct payments. This is because it was identified after the initial targets were set that North Yorkshire was far behind other counties. It was also noted that there have been issues with Pump Priming Grant underspend within three of the Thematic Partnerships.

8.0 Dates and venues of future meetings

- 8.1 The Partnership agreed that the 2009 Partnership meetings will both be held at County Hall, Northallerton. Members were also reminded about the NYSP Wider Partnership conference on 17th October at the Pavilions, Harrogate. The next meeting of the Partnership will be held on Thursday, 12th March 2009.

9.0 Actions arising

	Paragraph reference	Action	Lead	Deadline
1.	1.2	Pursue issue of lack of business/private sector representation with Y&NY Chamber of Commerce	NYCC	February 2009

Appendix 1

Attendees – NYSP Meeting of 11th September 2008

Members:

Cllr John Weighell	-	NYCC Deputy Leader
Nigel Hutchinson	-	North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service
Cllr John Fort	-	North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority
Peter Godfrey	-	Highways Agency
Paul Spurrier	-	Health & Safety Executive
Andy Wilson	-	North York Moors National Park Authority
Harold Brown	-	Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority
Jill Moulton	-	South Tees Hospital NHS Trust
Michael Turnpenny	-	MLA Yorkshire
Cllr Jane Kenyon	-	North Yorkshire Police Authority
Martin Watson	-	MoD
Cllr Brian Phillips	-	Hambleton District Council
Grahame Maxwell	-	North Yorkshire Police
Liz Burdett	-	Learning & Skills Council
Ken Bellamy	-	Probation Service
Col. Nick Millen	-	MoD
Lesley Ingleson	-	Youth Offending Team
Neil Wilson	-	York Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
Julia King	-	Harrogate & District NHS Foundation Trust
David Porter	-	Yorkshire Forward
Cllr John Fort	-	North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority
Cllr Keith Barnes	-	NYCC member
Cllr Greg White	-	NYCC member
Cllr Heather Garnett	-	NYCC member
Cllr David Billing	-	NYCC member
Paul Whitaker	-	Yorkshire Local Councils Association
Helen Black	-	North Yorkshire Forum for Voluntary Organisations
Harriet Bisson	-	Voluntary and Community Sector
Gill Gentle	-	Voluntary and Community Sector
Colin Walker	-	Craven District Council
Cllr Keith Knaggs	-	Ryedale District Council
Janet Waggott	-	Ryedale District Council
Cllr Melva Steckles	-	Richmondshire District Council
Cllr Tom Fox	-	Scarborough Borough Council

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
Peter Brambleby	-	North Yorkshire & York PCT
Richard Flinton	-	Business & Environmental Services, NYCC
Cynthia Welbourn	-	Children & Young People's Services, NYCC
Derek Law	-	Adult & Community Services, NYCC
Peter Simpson	-	Hambleton & Richmondshire District Councils

Also in attendance:

- Roger Ranson - City of York Council
- Rosemary Taylor - Chair of Alcohol Joint Co-ordinating Group / Independent Chair of Hambleton CDRP
- Colin Dales - Richmondshire District Council
- Cllr Bob Baker - Hambleton District Council
- Steve Norman - North Yorkshire Police
- Mike Newbury - Audit Commission
- Anne Forster - Audit Commission
- Bob Curry - North Yorkshire Forum for Voluntary Organisations
- Melanie Bradbury - North Yorkshire & York PCT
- Roland Crooke - MoD
- Neil Irving - NYCC
- Hugh Williamson - NYCC
- Diane Parsons - NYCC

Apologies – NYSP Meeting of 11th September 2008

- Alistair Copeland (Sport England)
- Cllr Dr Mike Gardner (Harrogate Borough Council)
- Hazel McGrath (Harrogate Strategic Partnership)
- Janet Soo-Chung (North Yorkshire & York PCT)
- Martin Connor (Selby District Council & Selby District LSP)
- Dorothy Fairburn (Country Land and Business Association)
- David Butterworth (Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority)
- Pete Brown (Probation Service)
- Cluny Macpherson (Arts Council England)
- Wendy Merry (Voluntary and Community Sector)
- Sally Rawlings (Yorkshire Rural Community Council)
- Jim Dillon (Scarborough Borough Council)
- Judith Bromfield (Richmondshire LSP)
- Maddy Jago (English Heritage)
- Stephanie Sturrock (North Yorkshire Coast Community Partnership)
- Richard Ellison (National Farmers Union)
- John Duffill (Jobcentre Plus)
- Kevin Holt (Voluntary and Community Sector)
- Brian Davies (Natural England)
- Adam Cairns (Airedale NHS Trust)
- Colin Martin (Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust)
- Peter Pybus (Federation of Small Businesses)
- Mark Scott (Environment Agency)
- Teresa Fenech (Scarborough & North East Yorkshire Healthcare NHS Trust)
- Len Cruddas (York & North Yorkshire Chamber of Commerce)
- Cllr Paul English (Craven LSP)
- David Kerfoot (Hambleton LSP)