

North Yorkshire Strategic Partnership

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Thematic Partnership Updates for February/March 2009

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report provides an update on activities and progress within each of the six NYSP Thematic Partnerships.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 There are six Thematic Partnerships within the NYSP which are listed at the Appendices below. Each Partnership has its own governance and performance arrangements and is responsible for planning and delivering partnership programmes for its thematic area. Progress within each Thematic Partnership under the Local Area Agreement 2008/11 is monitored through the NYSP Executive on a quarterly basis.
- 2.2 A written update has been provided by the Chair of each Thematic Partnership within the Appendices. These updates will not be presented at the Partnership meeting and are for information only. For further information on any of the points raised in these updates, please refer to the relevant contacts listed therein.

3.0 Recommendations

- 3.1 The NYSP Partnership is recommended to note the updates provided.

4.0 Appendices

- Appendix 1 – Adults' Strategic Partnership update
- Appendix 2 - Healthier Communities Strategic Partnership
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Appendix 1

Adults' Strategic Partnership (ASP) Update

1. Local Area Agreement (LAA)

Work continues on the LAA2 priorities. There are no significant areas of concern regarding performance at the moment. Some LAA 1 issues are still being monitored including the over 50s use of adult education and library services, take-up of handyperson schemes, volunteering, fuel poverty and hospital admissions due to falls.

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2. Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA)

The JSNA has now been published and is available in hard copy or electronically from www.northyorks.gov.uk/jsna. It will be refreshed on a regular basis. The assessment, which combines detailed data with the 'voice' of the community, will underpin future joint commissioning of services. JSNA summaries for the individual district areas of North Yorkshire are in development.

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3. Older People's Partnership Board (OPPB)

Rob Salkeld of Ryedale has been elected as Chair of the newly-established OPPB and is attending ASP meetings. The Board has identified four main priorities, each of which is being addressed by a Task Group: financial well-being in older age (including fuel poverty); loneliness and isolation; transport and access; sustainable funding for the Third Sector and volunteering.

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4. Integrated Workforce Planning Group (IWPG)

In November 2008, NYCC, the Independent Care Group and the Wilf Ward Family Trust made a successful bid as lead partners to form a North Yorkshire workforce partnership with Skills for Care. In December, it was proposed to IWPG members that this group and the new group should be merged. A launch event for the new merged group is planned for 12 March 2009 following which an Action Plan will be developed.

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5. Physical and Sensory Impairment Partnership Board

The Board is reviewing and updating the Equal Lives Action Plan. There is ongoing work to identify gaps in PSI services and to agree solutions e.g. deafblind services, supported employment, clarification of responsibilities for support to disabled parents. Three of the four NY areas have now elected their Reference Group representatives onto the Partnership Board.

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Derek Law – Chair, Adults' Strategic Partnership

Appendix 2

Healthier Communities Thematic Partnership Update

1. Local Area Agreement targets

Delivery is progressing well for the healthier communities LAA targets. However, the stretch target for reducing smoking in pregnancy is still 'red' rated. Following significant delays in implementing the planned service improvements via Scarborough hospital midwifery team, we have commissioned the PCT's Stop Smoking Service to scale up its work with pregnant smokers across North Yorkshire. We are also hopeful that data quality will improve following implementation of a new data collection system in Scarborough.

2. Developing the Adults Strategic Partnership (ASP) and the Healthier Communities Thematic Partnership (HCTP)

The ASP and the HCTP have agreed to hold some meetings separately in future in recognition of their differing remits and to enable more detailed discussion of agenda items. Some meetings will continue to be held jointly. Membership, terms of reference, forward planning and meeting arrangements will also be reviewed.

3. Whole Systems Services for Older and Vulnerable People

The HCTP and ASP received a presentation on the work that's going on to redevelop older people's services following on from the Partnerships for Older People's Projects pilots across the county. The aim is to address the main issues service users can face by improving information and providing high quality, responsive, co-ordinated services where older people are full partners in their own care.

4. Healthy Weight, Active Lives strategy

The HCTP and ASP received the draft 'Healthy Weight, Active Lives' for consultation in October. Its aim is to reverse the rise in overweight and obesity for both children and adults, based on the national 'Healthy Weight, Healthy Lives' strategy. It has now been finalised and is available at www.nyypct.nhs.uk in the 'Staying Healthy' section.

5. Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA)

The North Yorkshire JSNA is available at www.northyorks.gov.uk/jsna .

For further information about the Healthier Communities Thematic Partnership, please contact Helen Christmas on 01904 724094 or helen.christmas@nyypct.nhs.uk

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Appendix 3

Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership Update

1. Safeguarding: Response to Haringey 'Baby P' and New Inspection Arrangements

Partners have reviewed their safeguarding and child protection arrangements in response to the 'Baby P' case in Haringey. The North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Board has a particularly important role in this work. From 1 April Ofsted will undertake annual unannounced inspections of children's social care contact, assessment and referral arrangements. Every three years Ofsted will undertake a full inspection of safeguarding arrangements across all partners in each local authority area.

2. Annual Performance Assessment

The 2008 Annual Performance Assessment (APA) reported in December that services for children and young people in North Yorkshire are 'good' overall, with outstanding outcomes under 'Enjoy and Achieve', 'Economic Well-Being' and 'Capacity to Improve.' Technically the APA evaluates the County Council's children's services, but the assessment emphasises partnership working so strongly that it effectively evaluates the contribution of all partners. The 2008 APA was the last in its current form. From April the APA will be replaced by new inspection arrangements under the Comprehensive Area Assessment.

3. Joint Commissioning Strategy

The Partnership has commenced work to develop and implement a Joint Commissioning Strategy. This strategy will not duplicate existing commissioning arrangements, but will provide a better framework and intelligent principles to shape future commissioning. A multi-agency group has been established to progress the work, including representation from the health and voluntary sectors.

4. Round-Up

Reports and presentations received at recent meetings of the CYPSP Board include:

- Children and Young People's Plan: Mid-Year Performance Review
- Obesity Strategy: Healthy Weight, Active Lives
- Play Strategy
- LDD Strategy
- Parent Support Adviser Evaluation
- CYPS – PCT Partnership
- Localities and the Common Assessment Framework
- North Yorkshire Sport
- Raising Expectations: 14-19 White Paper

The Board also received updates on Teenage Pregnancy, CAHMS, Youth Justice, Drugs and Alcohol, Short Breaks, Road Safety, and Integrated Youth Support.

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Cynthia Welbourn – Chair, Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership

Appendix 4

York & North Yorkshire Development Board Update

1. Current Economic Downturn

The Economic Partnership has continued to monitor closely the impact of the credit crunch and the economic downturn on the sub region. This will help to determine policy responses to the issues affecting North Yorkshire. Some of the headline issues beginning to become apparent in North Yorkshire include the impact on local investment reliant on housing led regeneration; the potential that rural and coastal communities may have a problem in attracting future private investment in commercial and employment space; and the growing concern for the prospects for young people leaving education.

2. Local Area Agreement 2008/2011

The Local Area Agreement indicators for economy and enterprise are progressing well, although as yet the full impact of the economic downturn on their performance is not known. The only indicator that is causing some difficulties, irrespective of all the initiatives being developed and/or underway, relates to reducing the number of people in Scarborough on work related benefits. Addressing the worklessness and employment issues within Scarborough therefore remains a priority for the Partnership.

3. Yorkshire Forward Geographic Programme and Sub Regional Investment Plan Performance

Yorkshire Forward has recently announced their response to the North Yorkshire Geographic Programme (what they will fund in North Yorkshire over the next 5 years). This includes the level of regional activity in the County (approx. £83.6m) and the non-regional activity much of which will be locally determined (approx. £35m). The Partnership Unit is now preparing, with NYCC, District Councils and other Partners a Delivery Plan for the non-regional funds and a performance management framework to ensure the regional programmes fully benefit North Yorkshire.

4. Cultural Partnership

The North Yorkshire Cultural Partnership has recently been restructured. This has included the establishment of a new higher level Executive with clearer reporting mechanisms in to the Economic Partnership; the better integration of the tourism and cultural sectors and a more proactive approach to ensuring North Yorkshire benefits from the 2012 Games.

5. Business Support Partnership

The Business Support Partnership brings together local partners, Business Link Yorkshire and Yorkshire Forward. Its current key areas of activity include enterprise in disadvantaged areas; encouraging social enterprise; and supporting the tourism and visitor economy businesses. Work is ongoing to establish programmes in these three areas.

6. Employment and Skills Partnership

The Economic Partnership at its October meeting agreed the establishment of a York and North Yorkshire Employment and Skills Partnership. During the past few months discussion has taken place with partners to agree its structure and terms of reference. This has now been prepared and will be considered further by the Economic Partnership at its forthcoming meeting.

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Appendix 5

York and North Yorkshire Safer Communities Forum Update

1. Frequency of Forum meetings

The Forum currently meets in November and February to fit in with partners' business planning cycle. However, the practicalities of this arrangement are such that, in the event of one or more members being unable to attend a particular meeting, a whole year will elapse before some members next have an opportunity for any meaningful involvement in the work of the Forum and the ability to maintain an awareness of, and contribute to discussion surrounding current issues. It is therefore agreed that a third meeting is added to the schedule in June.

2. Joint Strategic Intelligence Assessment (JSIA)

Progress is being made to ensuring that the JSIAs are produced in time for the CDRPs to be able to prepare their plans. Extra short term staffing resources have been provided by North Yorkshire County Council, and funding has been sought and approved to help to pay for the analytical resources needed. The first draft JSIA for Harrogate should be agreed by late February. The other 6 documents will be built up in consultation on an individual basis with the CDRP Managers using the agreed format. The final drafts will be issued to all CDRP Managers by mid to late March 2009. These documents will then be put forward for consideration by the CDRPs for use in the development of the CDRP Plans for 2009. This revised timetable means, unfortunately, that the JSIAs were not ready in time for consideration at the February meeting of the Safer Communities Forum, however, the established JSIA Development sub group have been granted the delegated authority to support the JSIAs on completion and to then issue the documents to the CDRP for approval.

3. Community Safety Agreement (CSA)

Work will soon be undertaken by the Data and Information Joint Co-ordination Group 'task & finishing' group' to review the current Community Safety Agreement (CSA). The revised CSA will also incorporate the Forum's 'Vision Statement' and will determine the Forum's county priorities and identify ways in which partners can work more effectively, both individually and collectively, to address the priorities and issues identified. The revised CSA will be presented to the Forum meeting in June 2009.

4. ABG Priorities

Following the priority setting process detailed the allocation on of the top-slicing pot of the ABG for 2009/10 has been awarded to the following projects:

- Integrated Offender Management Coordinator
- Domestic Violence Making Safe Scheme Temporary Accommodation/Independent Domestic Violence Advisors
- Analytical team
- Drugs and Alcohol Action Team
- Alcohol Coordinator
- Alcohol Brief Interventions

It was agreed that these project contributed to the highest priority work streams across the County.

5. Forum's Constitution and appointment of Vice Chair

The constitution was approved at the Forums meeting on the 26th February 2009, enabling the successful appointment of a Deputy Chief Constable Adam Briggs, North Yorkshire Police Service, as vice chair to the Forum.

Nigel Hutchinson, Chair, York and North Yorkshire Safer Communities Forum

For further information please visit www.nysp.org.uk and click on 'Safer Communities' or contact Lesley Dale, email Lesley.dale@northyorks.gov.uk or 01609 532749.

Appendix 6

York and North Yorkshire Rural Partnership (Stronger Communities) Update.

The Partnership welcomed Janet Waggott, Chief Executive of Ryedale District Council, as permanent Chair. The Partnership agreed this was an ideal opportunity to examine terms of reference and develop a stronger regional and sub regional identity. The group intend to make good use of the delivery partnerships that already exist particularly Housing, Waste, Environment and Economy to make the right links and progress the performance improvements, priorities and LAA targets

1. Local Area Agreement

The Local Area Agreement indicators for stronger section of the LAA are on the whole progressing well. Particular success has been shown by the targets concerning community transport, Joint Access Centres and biodiversity. Close monitoring of the target concerning affordable housing continues and although performance has improved this quarter there are long-term concerns for the success of this target. This is a cause for concern, a sticky indicator and requires close monitoring to work with the Housing partnership in a way that adds value and improvement.

Work is ongoing with Government Office to develop and negotiate targets that could not be set last year as data or guidance was not fully available. This includes targets on community cohesion, climate change and flooding and coastal erosion.

2. Climate Change

The Partnership re affirmed its commitment to climate change and the work of the Sustainable Officers Group in delivering outcomes. The Group has been approached to elect a member to sit on the Regional Improvement Efficiency Partnership Climate Change Board which will ensure the sub region can take advantage of best practice and funding opportunities.

3. Economic Downturn

The Partnership agreed to monitor the effect of the economic downturn on a quarterly basis with a particular emphasis on the effect on rural communities. The partnership are also keen to ensure that the good news stories also percolate through. The partnership are keen to deal with the current but as importantly to be prepared for the upturn and equipped and skilled to be prepared and proactive in anticipating future markets.

4. Rural Affairs Forum

The Partnership receives regular updates from the Rural Affairs Forum via the Government Office representative on the Partnership. Janet Waggott has met with Graham Ward, Chair of the Forum to strengthen existing links and develop better ways of working together.

5. Changes in regional structures

The future of the Regional Rural Board is currently under review and meetings are postponed until the outcome of the Sub National Review is published. The Board will examine the proposed new structures and it may be that there is not longer a role for the Board. The Rural Affairs Forum has recommended that if this is the case that a "Rural Champion" be appointed who has an overview of rural affairs in Yorkshire and the Humber and for example sit on the Board of Yorkshire Forward. It is not known at this stage what the impact of the Sub National Review will be for the Rural Partnership.

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