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Session 1 - Challenges and opportunities

Challenges		
<i>Headline</i>	<i>Flip Chart</i>	<i>Discussion threads</i>
Cultural Change	Trust	No quick fix
True Partnerships		Opportunity to say what we are all here for. Some partnerships have a history of misunderstanding.
Reconciliation		
Want a clean sheet		Establish what trying to achieve and how best to do this. Not about individual organisations coming up with a solution and then involving others. Problem should be shared initially
Voluntary Sector	a)Does not have the infrastructure to take on everything b)Opportunities for some but not all	Not a wholesale shift from the public to the voluntary sector. Danger vol sector could look predatory.
Uncertainty		
Lack of clarity	About the role of the “state” what the “state” is.	
What is localism ?	Power shift ?	What does this mean ? Where does power and responsibility lie ?

Resilience of the third sector		Not all third sector orgs have the infrastructure in place. Area of vulnerability – vol sector confidence in future to deliver services imaginatively.
Financial Capacity of VCS	To survive 3 yrs +	Do not have big reserves - cuts front loaded to local gov.
Impact on individuals	Need to remember about impact on the person –individuals	How can this be captured?
Balance of impact of cuts	Impact will differ. Disproportionate effects on individual organisations	Rural areas traditionally very resilient however not all communities and individuals are. Disproportionate effect - how is this to be balanced?
Unintended consequences		Need to have an awareness of
Radical change		
Control	Organisations that traditionally have had control need to give some of this away	Chief Execs will have to be prepared to surrender control of some functions to others to find and deliver a solution.
Opportunities		
Chance for local people to really tells us what is important		
Cuts may generate volunteering		Potentially more volunteers. Need to protect officer structure in vol orgs e.g. Age Concern. Look to other organisations such as U3A where all run by volunteers.
Vacant buildings	That VCS could use Sharing of public sector buildings	

Future role of the NYSP

<i>Headline</i>	<i>Flip Chart</i>	<i>Discussion threads</i>
There is a role		Not sure what this is yet to early to say
Is it too large?		For what it is trying to deliver. Not known what NYSP is on "the ground" - not represented at grass roots.
Need to bring organisations together to discuss issues collectively	Place budgets	
What about the role of District and Area Committees?		Can these deliver what the NYSP is trying to achieve?
Elected member partnering	Not just officers making decisions. Includes public and voluntary sector	

Session 2 - Future priorities

<i>Headline</i>	<i>Flip Chart</i>	<i>Discussion threads</i>
Set of principles rather than targets.	<p>North Yorkshire principles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a right to mental health and wellbeing • a life that you would choose • free from financial hardship 	<p>Whatever do can be measured against these principles. Not about targets anymore – what do people need to feel safe and hope for the future. Underpinned by wealth and strength in communities. Recognition of loss of top down money. Not about organisations bringing their own agenda to the discussion. Need for transparency.</p>
Vulnerability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • joined up clear information • targeted support 	<p>Ability to respond to issues and changes is not universal. Priority to focus on vulnerability, may be geographical, may be factors which make people less able and more reliant on services. Cross cutting.</p>
Sense of community	Role of local LSP's	<p>Capacity for communities to take responsibility for themselves. LSP's have links to local partnerships – use existing infrastructure but collectively.</p>
Wealth and Health	Economy and enterprise - prosperity, jobs, broadband	
<i>Other</i>		
Culture change - does a process need to be agreed?		It is about the way organisations work

