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Dear Colleague,

North Yorkshire Strategic Partnership / Wider Partnership Update – Summer 2008

I write to update you on key developments of recent months within the North Yorkshire Strategic Partnership (NYSP), including:

- the launch of the NYSP **Sustainable Community Strategy** 2008/18 and linked **Local Area Agreement** 2008/11;
- work underway on a review of the **impact of inward migration** on community cohesion in North Yorkshire; and
- plans for this year's **Wider Partnership conference** in Harrogate.

Launch of the Sustainable Community Strategy and Local Area Agreement

At the end of July, the NYSP published its ten-year vision for making North Yorkshire “an even better place to work, live and visit”. The Strategy was developed following a process of detailed data analysis and consultation, including of course the input of Wider Partnership members at last year's annual conference which helped to identify the ten key priorities of the Strategy. These are:

Access to services and public transport,
Affordable housing,
Alcohol,
Children and young people,
Community cohesion,
Community safety,
Economy and enterprise,
Environment,
Health and wellbeing, and
Older people.

The Strategy is translated into specific targets and outcomes in the Local Area Agreement; a three-year ‘deal’ between the local authority and other partners and central government, to deliver the improvements that communities want to see. For example, targets include:

- reducing the fear of crime within communities,
- reducing carbon emissions, and
- increasing educational attainment amongst young people in areas where this is currently at its lowest.

These two documents will form the focus for this year's Wider Partnership conference (see also below), where hard copies will also be made available. Alternatively, both are available to download from the NYSP website at www.nysp.org.uk or please call **01609 532192** if you wish to request copies before October.

Strategic review of inward migration

The NYSP Equalities Task Group established two action learning sets to consider the impact of changing migration patterns on service provision and social cohesion across North Yorkshire and the partnership. One of the outcomes of this work is the strategic review of the impact of inward migration from the EU accession states.

This review is currently open for consultation to determine whether the analysis undertaken, the conclusions reached and the actions proposed fit with the day-to-day experiences of citizens and service providers across the County.

The consultation is open to anyone living or working in North Yorkshire, both individuals and organisations, and will run until **Friday 31 October 2008**.

The Equalities Task Group will also be holding consultations with partners, predominantly through the Local Strategic Partnerships, and with community groups throughout this period. If you think your organisation would benefit from a meeting to feed into the consultation process, please contact Kay Ritchie by email Kay.Ritchie@northyorks.gov.uk or call 01609 536947.

For a copy of the draft Strategic Review, please see the Equalities Task Group section of the NYSP website (www.nysp.org.uk).

Date for your diary: Wider Partnership Annual Conference – 17th October 2008

This year's Wider Partnership conference will be taking place at the **Pavilions, Harrogate**, on the morning of **Friday 17th October 2008**.

The theme of the conference will be "Making North Yorkshire an Even Better Place" and, following the recent publication of the Sustainable Community Strategy and Local Area Agreement, will focus on how we as partners can translate our ambitions for the County into real outcomes. Following on this theme, the key note address will be given by Paul Johnstone, Regional Director of Public Health for Yorkshire and the Humber, on "delivering sustainable communities".

Workshop sessions will be grouped around the ten priorities of the Strategy (for the full list, please see above) and Wider Partnership members will have the opportunity to make advance preferences for which two sessions they wish to attend.

A outline schedule for the conference will appear on the Wider Partnership pages of the NYSP website shortly (www.nysp.org.uk). Invitations for this event will follow early next month, but grateful if you can diarise this date in the meantime.

Wider Partnership membership

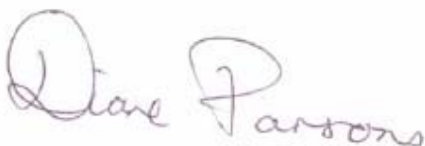
As you will be aware, the Wider Partnership is open to any organisation or agency interested in promoting the economic, social and environmental wellbeing of North Yorkshire's communities. If you are aware of organisations which may not currently be included on the circulation list for the Wider Partnership and/or who may be interested to participate in the annual conference, please contact Diane Parsons at North Yorkshire County Council for further details by calling 01609 532750 or emailing diane.parsons@northyorks.gov.uk.

I hope this update is helpful. Please check the NYSP website regularly (www.nysp.org.uk) for further updates on the work of the NYSP.

If you do not wish to receive these updates or to be included on the Wider Partnership membership, please contact Diane Parsons at the contact details given above.

I look forward to meeting you at this year's conference.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Diane Parsons". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Diane Parsons
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