

**NORTH YORKSHIRE STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP**

**ADULT STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP**

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON**

**2 March 2009**

**Meeting Room 2, County Hall, Northallerton**

Present:

- Derek Law, Corporate Director, ACS, North Yorkshire County Council (chair)
- Sukhdev Dosanjh, Assistant Director – Performance & Change Management, ACS, North Yorkshire County Council
- Peter Burgin, Regional Public Health Group, Department of Health (GOYH)
- Bob Curry, Partnerships Manager, NYFVO
- Mike Gibson, Performance and Change Manager, ACS, NYCC
- Helen Christmas, Health Improvement Manager, NHS NYY
- Paul Lightfoot, Director of Care Services, Broadacres Housing Association
- Seamus Breen, Assistant Director – Commissioning & Partnerships, ACS, NYCC
- David Archer, Strategic Director, Scarborough Borough Council
- Lynn Webb-Thorius, Director Hambleton Richmondshire Carers Centre
- Debbie Breatcliffe, Education Officer, Adult Learning Service, NYCC
- Sue Vasey, Chief Officer, North Yorkshire Learning Consortium
- Carol Gibson, Directorate Support Team, ACS, NYCC
- Chrys Mellor, General Manager Libraries, ACS, NYCC (representing Julie Blaisdale)

Apologies:

- Julie Blaisdale, Assistant Director, Library and Community Services, NYCC
- Phil Broomhead, Special Projects Manager, Environmental Services, NYCC
- David Cooper, North Yorkshire Police
- Diane Parsons, Senior Policy Officer, NYCC
- Judith Knapton, Senior Commissioning Manager, NHS NYY
- Phil Broomhead, Special Projects Manager, Environmental Services, NYCC
- Rob Salkeld, Chair, Older People's Partnership Board

**ASP 1/09 Minutes of last meeting (8 December 2008) & Matters Arising**

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a true record.

Derek Law recapped the decision taken at the last meeting that the ASP and HCTP would meet separately in the future, with joint meetings to be held annually, or more frequently if necessary, when appropriate issues would be discussed.

Seamus Breen advised that the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment is progressing, with locality versions now in progress. The JSNA for Selby is almost ready and will be circulated to partners in due course.

**Action**

With reference to the discussion on whole systems services, Seamus advised that ACS have made proposals to the PCT for funding, and this is now being negotiated.

### **ASP 2/09 Older People's Partnership Board progress report**

Seamus Breen introduced a report prepared by Rob Salkeld. Seamus said that the OPPB is an enthusiastic group and he anticipates keen engagement from them. The four task groups have begun their focused work, with the Financial Wellbeing Task Group looking at fuel poverty and seeking to take a coordinated approach. The report included a number of suggestions re the approach to tackling fuel poverty, including pooling funding, creating a single contact point for each district, creating a single information leaflet and having a coordinated annual plan. These were generally supported by the group and it was agreed to consider the issue further at a future meeting.

The group noted that fuel poverty was addressed in the original LAA and that it was the intention to continue to monitor the issue. David Archer agreed that the targets should be kept in some form and agreed to raise the availability of information with the Energy Advice Centre.

DA

Helen Christmas suggested that the Affordable Warmth Group might also be able to provide a link, and will find out more.

HC

Seamus referred to the work being done by the Isolation/Loneliness Task Group, recalling the focus in the 'Our Health Our Care Our Say' consultation on the need to target loneliness, and suggested looking at this area further, possibly setting up a helpline number, drop in centres, library campaign, etc.

Seamus will ask the OPPB to look into these areas and come back to the next meeting with firm proposals.

SB

### **ASP 3/09 North Yorkshire Learning Consortium**

Sue Vasey gave an overview of the newly established North Yorkshire Learning Consortium (NYLC) and summarised its intent to become the champion for learning and development for the voluntary and community sector in York and North Yorkshire. The NYLC will provide information, representation, contracting opportunities and development activities for learners, employers, employees and volunteers.

Sue advised that there are 145 organisations affiliated to the consortium across the County, with £1.2m drawn down potentially for contracts. The NYLC is overseen by a Board of Directors and its main hub is in Knaresborough, with links to job centres, charities and sector organisations, getting to hard to reach people.

Derek said it is important to understand how the different organisations

can access the information, and suggested Sue make contact with Jackie Ridley, NYCC ACS Workforce Development Manager, to look at how information is shared, training opportunities and possible links with the newly formed Care Alliance. Bob Curry said he would also like to contribute to this discussion. It was agreed that Sue and Bob should meet with Jackie Ridley to develop a cohesive strategy and agree a way forward across the partnership. Sukhdev will brief Jackie.

SV/BC  
SD

**ASP 4/09 Role of housing in delivering a joint strategy for adults**

Seamus Breen opened a discussion about how partners work together on affordable housing projects and suggested a new joint strategic approach for planning beyond 2011 when the Homes and Communities Agency's new funding round begins. As an example, this would mean that instead of partners individually bidding for single project funding, they would look jointly at potential developments area by area and work collectively, across transport, education, highways, etc.

Paul Lightfoot agreed this would be a step in the right direction, and said that the Housing Corporation, which preceded the HCA, generally had links with district councils but not so much with county councils, and suggested starting a dialogue with chief housing officers over the implementation of the single North Yorkshire housing strategy.

David Archer advised that at Scarborough discussions have begun with the HCA about funding for the development at Middle Deepdale, and agreed a county and district-wide approach would be beneficial to avoid district councils competing for funding.

The group agreed to pursue this via the Chief Housing Officers Group with the aim of having proposals put forward to the NYSP. Seamus to write to Colin Dales to this effect.

SB

**ASP 5/09 LAA2 Q3 performance and continuing LAA1 targets update**

The five stretch targets carried over from LAA1 are currently forecast to meet their end of year targets. Sukhdev emphasised the need for reported performance to be robust.

The data refresh for NI 136 (People helped to live independently at home) has been agreed with GOYH. The year on year increase required remains unchanged.

Some targets from LAA1 are continuing to be monitored and Sukhdev reported progress on these and any data collection issues which still need resolving.

Seamus noted that targets for extra care in LAA2 were now very challenging because of the economic recession but this is being addressed and improvements are expected.

**ASP 6/09 LAA2 Reward Grant arrangements**

Sukhdev advised that the maximum grant available for North Yorkshire has been confirmed at £3.5m. This is allocated on a block basis and will be awarded according to average performance across the 35 designated indicators in the LAA. The ASP has three indicators in this category (supporting people, carers, independent living) and HCTP also has three.

Sue Vasey asked about volunteering targets, noting that there is likely to be an increase in volunteering in North Yorkshire to reflect the change in the government approach to volunteering, which is now seen as a way into employment. Sukhdev said he had not yet been able to meet with Helen Black to discuss this but will do so.

**SD**

Bob Curry said that two LAA targets for volunteering (under the management of the Stronger Communities Thematic Partnership) had been met for the year. Details were not to hand but will be circulated to the group. Bob advised that there had been a change expected in BME volunteers, due to the influx of immigrants from Eastern Europe, but this had not happened. It was agreed that Bob will provide regular updates on this for future meetings.

**BC**

**ASP 7/09 LAA2 Q3 Financial monitoring report**

Sukhdev introduced a report which gave an update on the position in relation to Pump Priming Grant (PPG) at the end of December 2008. There is a sum of £16k to be carried forward into 2009/10 in respect of the stretch target in relation to protection of vulnerable adults.

In addition there is £20k of unallocated PPG available to support additional expenditure on stretch targets. Sukhdev proposed bidding for this for use in providing promotional literature to help achieve the target re safeguarding adults. This would need to be spent by 31 March 2010, and could be used to target GP surgeries and libraries, to raise awareness on safeguarding vulnerable adults and older people.

Bob Curry suggested that using GP surgeries might not be straightforward and could necessitate a consultation exercise. Due to time and money constraints therefore the group thought it would be better to limit the exercise to libraries, using a targeted method for each area.

It was agreed that Sukhdev and Chrys Mellor will put a bid together for submission to the NYSP Executive. The draft bid will be circulated to the group before it is submitted.

**SD/CM**

**ASP 8/09 Any other business**

Helen Christmas gave an update from the PCT. Jayne Brown has been appointed Chief Executive, and Johnny Wardell has recently resigned as

chair.

Helen invited comments to be submitted to either Jayne or herself on proposed changes to the structure of the PCT, particularly in respect of formalising the locality approach and what the localities might look like. The new arrangements are to be implemented by 1<sup>st</sup> April so feedback will need to be prompt.

**All**

DL confirmed the next NYSP Executive will be held on 30 April.

**Future meetings**

Meetings have been arranged for:

Monday 8 June, 10.30-12.30

Monday 7 September, 10.30-12.30 (joint meeting with HCTP)

Monday 21 December, 10.30-12.30

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