

NORTH YORKSHIRE STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

ADULTS STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON

8 March 2010

ACS Conference Room, County Hall, Northallerton

Present:

Bev Maybury, Assistant Director Operations, ACS, NYCC
Bob Curry, Partnership Manager, NYFVO
Carol Gibson, Directorate Support Team, ACS, NYCC
Dawn Saxby, Executive Officer (Housing), Harrogate Borough Council
Derek Law, Corporate Director Adult and Community Services, NYCC (Chair)

Linda Burgon, Principle Officer Adult Learning, CYPS, NYCC
Mike Gibson, Performance and Change Manager, ACS, NYCC
Richard Jackson, Support Officer, North Yorkshire Older People's Partnership Board
Sue Mann, Vice Chair North Yorkshire Older People's Partnership Board
Sukhdev Dosanjh, Assistant Director – Performance & Change Management, ACS, NYCC

Apologies:

Alyson Down, Community Safety Consultant, North Yorkshire Police
David Archer, Scarborough Borough Council
Judith Knapton, Head of Commissioning, NHS NYY
Julie Blaisdale, Assistant Director – Library and Community Services, ACS, NYCC
Lynn Webb-Thorius, Director Hambleton / Richmondshire Carers Centre
Paul Lightfoot, Director of Care Services, Broadacres Housing Association
Rachel Johns, Interim Director of Public Health, NHS NYY
Rob Salkeld, Chair, Older People's Partnership Board
Seamus Breen, Assistant Director – Commissioning & Partnerships, ACS, NYCC
Sue Vasey, Chief Officer, North Yorkshire Learning Consortium Limited

In attendance:

Jacqueline Ridley, Manager Workforce Development, ACS, NYCC
Item ASP05/10: Avril Hunter, Strategic Commissioning Manager, ACS, NYCC

ASP 01/10 Welcome and apologies

Apologies were recorded and attendees introduced themselves.

ASP 02/10 Minutes of meetings held 21 December 2009

The minutes from the meetings held on 21 December 2009 were agreed as a correct record and will be circulated.

Action

Matters arising from minutes of meeting held 21 December 2009

ASP40/09 NYSP Update

A joint meeting with the Healthier Communities Thematic Partnership is being arranged and further details will follow when confirmed. It is understood that Rachel Johns will chair the HCTP.

ASP41/09 OPPB progress report

Bob Curry noted that Richard Flinton (NYCC BES) is setting up a group to look at transport and asked whether there was any further information available. Derek Law said this has come about as transport is a strong area for better efficiencies, so has recently become a priority due to the tighter financial climate. It is likely that this work will include community transport so will be of interest to the partnership.

Bob advised he has not met with Seamus but will bring "Churches Together" into the forum

ASP 03/10 Older People's Partnership Board – progress report plus report on funding of older people's services in North Yorkshire

The partnership considered a progress report from Rob Salkeld, Chair of the OPPB, and a report on provision of services and funding. Sue Mann introduced the progress report and talked through the work priorities for the Board for 2010-11.

Dementia strategy – the Board continues to keep a watching eye on services available

Winter warmth / winter issues – some schemes have been piloted. A day conference is being arranged by for all services, voluntary and statutory, to consider what went well and where there were any gaps in provision in order to identify best practice, and to start making effective plans in preparation for next winter. The size of North Yorkshire continues to present challenges with consistency

Loneliness and isolation – the Ripon survey was well received with useful findings and the group would like to carry on developing this work.

Transport – the OPPB will be keen to be involved in the review being done by NYCC Business and Environmental Services and Richard Jackson will make contact with Richard Flinton. Derek Law said he would support the OPPB in its approach.

Information / advice and advocacy – always an important area, particularly in view of the personalisation agenda.

Lifelong learning – a new area being looked at by the Board, has provoked a lot of interest.

Derek asked about the method of approach, for example would the Board be linking with Linda Burgon when considering lifelong learning. Sue Mann advised that the Board's approach includes information sharing and two way communication feeding into the Board. Richard Jackson confirmed that the

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Board had agreed to invite Linda to a meeting.

With reference to the funding for the OPPB, there is a two year agreement in place which provides funding up to March 2011, and the Board would like the Partnership to consider extending the agreement to 2012. The report notes that funds will be tight during this period of uncertainty, and the OPPB recognises the position is the same for all agencies, and includes recommendations about the way forward including openness between commissioners and providers. Sue Mann suggested that the voluntary sector can offer savings at low cost with more effective monitoring, and that there is some uncertainty about the tendering route which could be improved with better guidance, and that some small grants provide a lot of services for older people. The Board would like to be involved in all discussions regarding funding where appropriate.

Derek Law said he agreed with the points put forward and was keen to continue funding as part of the ACS strategy, and will discuss the funding agreement with Seamus Breen. Derek said it was helpful to sharpen the focus on what areas offer value for money and which don't, as this is one of the main priorities, as well as having a view to outcomes. Derek referred to the market development board and third sector conversations, which have been very open.

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Derek thanked the Board for the report and said the recommendations will be taken on board.

ASP 04/10 Local Area Agreement Q3 2009/10 performance reporting and finance update

The partnership considered the update report and information on progress towards LAA1 and LAA2 targets circulated by Sukhdev Dosanjh. The Pump Priming Grant money has been spent. The Performance Reward Grant for LAA2 is lower at £3M across all thematic partnerships than the £4M available for LAA1. At quarter 3 the ASP is on target to meet 97.4% (£4,628,282) of the total PRG available. There will be a top slice of 10% for voluntary organisations which will be applied to all thematic partnerships.

The five stretch targets carried over from LAA1 met their end of year targets for 2008/09 and at quarter 3 four of the five remain forecast to meet their 2009/10 targets. The one that is not on target is extra care, which is likely to be 13 units short of the total stretch, and has been affected by the slowed housing market.

An interim reward grant is payable and this is being followed up by Sukhdev. Derek Law noted that the partnership had done well with its collective targets, by selecting strong priority areas and achieving milestones.

Derek noted that more needs to be done to try and achieve the extra care stretch target. Avril Hunter will contact Paul Lightfoot about the Rivendell Scheme in Northallerton and see if anything can be brought forward.

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Bob Curry raised a questions about LAA1 ASP/7/(a) (Number of older and/or disabled people and their carers who engage in formal volunteering) and its apparent similarity to the Stronger Communities partnership target L56 (Volunteering by people who are BME or unemployed or disabled). Sukhdev will follow up and make sure this is not being double counted.

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ASP 05/10 North Yorkshire Housing Strategy

Avril Hunter joined the meeting to discuss the North Yorkshire Housing Strategy, details of which had been circulated. The strategy, which is being developed by Local Government York and North Yorkshire Housing Board, is still in its final consultation period, which has been extended to 19 March, and a questionnaire and full details are available on the housing strategy website: <http://www.northyorkshirehousingstrategy.co.uk/>.

This is the first time North Yorkshire has produced a housing strategy, it highlights a need to work more cohesively to ensure delivery of the strategy and sets out how North Yorkshire and York will contribute towards delivery of the Regional Housing Strategy and the Sustainable Community Strategies for North Yorkshire and the City of York Council. There is a need to develop a better understanding of the housing needs of some vulnerable groups, which would include older people. The strategy also identifies the need to make best use of existing housing stock, and extra care is a good example of this, and to develop new affordable housing products and innovative delivery mechanisms.

The strategy outlines a draft action plan, and the website provides the opportunity for agencies to contribute to the plan. DS noted an additional priority around improving access to housing services, linking with access to transport. A report will go to the housing board in May, but is not likely to be agreed until July due to the election. For the meantime there are different priorities for investment.

Derek Law said he would reinforce the point about meeting the needs of an ageing population, this being another example of costs relating to the changing demographic of North Yorkshire, and that he would want this to be a key priority with a stronger emphasis. He referred to the recently published report "Under Pressure" which states that local authorities need to have a plan for how to manage change arising from the ageing population.

Sue Mann noted that for many older people, staying in their own home will be an option but they will need the right support to do so, and that telecare and assistive technology are strong in the County.

Avril Hunter agreed that in reality most people will stay in their own home and said that extra care is an important provision but will only be suitable for a small proportion of the older population. The partnership noted the need to make all housing suitable for the ageing population, avoiding the need for adaptations later on.

ASP 06/10 Supporting People – Financial Recovery Plan

Avril Hunter tabled a briefing paper and gave some background information on the Supporting People arrangements in North Yorkshire. The service is governed by partnership arrangements from all local authorities in North Yorkshire (not York), the PCT and Probation Service and administered by NYCC through Adult and Community Services.

Supporting People covers a wide range of resources, providing support to vulnerable groups and working to prevent homelessness. It has lost funding year on year due to central redistribution of a diminishing grant at national level.

The paper outlines a financial recovery plan to bring committed expenditure back to income. This has several strands including savings from re-procurement of services, no inflation increase for services, and significant reductions in resources for learning disability services, which will be refocused towards more excluded and vulnerable groups. All providers will be reviewing how the plan works, and if the savings aren't achieved by 2013, the position will be £3.5M in deficit.

Derek Law said that as far as possible we need to ensure that there is no cost shift to other services as a result of the reduction in resources, e.g. to learning disability services, and if this is not possible then savings will need to found elsewhere.

ASP 07/10 Any other business

No issues were raised.

ASP 08/10 Date and time of next meeting

Dates of the remaining ASP meetings for 2010 are:

Monday 7 June at 10.30am

Monday 6 September at 10.30am (joint meeting with HCTP_

Monday 20 December at 10.30am

Mike Gibson is in discussion with the HCTP to arrange a joint meeting looking at strategic priorities. More details will follow when this is confirmed.

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