

North Yorkshire Strategic Partnership - Executive

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Update on planning for NYSP Wider Partnership conference 2008

1 Purpose of report

This note updates on progress with planning for this year's NYSP Wider Partnership conference on 17th October 2008 and seeks the views of the NYSP Executive in selecting a key note speaker.

2 Development of Wider Partnership group

Work has progressed to ensure that this year's conference takes in as wide a participation of organisations as possible. A review has been undertaken of the current membership of the Wider Partnership and the following communications have been issued to reach those organisations or agencies who may wish to join the group and/or who may wish to find out more about the work of the NYSP:

- a) Memo distributed to LSPs and the Yorkshire Local Councils Association;
- b) Article in the June 2008 edition of NY Times; and
- c) Press release issued to regional press, TV and radio 28th May 2008 (including interview with local radio station).

Positive responses have already been received to these communications and will feed into the development of the group's membership and ultimately the conference invitee list. Promotional and invitation material including the NYSP newsletter is currently in development.

3 Suggestions for Key Note Speaker

As agreed at the last meeting of the NYSP Executive on 10th April, a key note speaker will address the conference on a pertinent issue within a half-hour time slot towards the end of the programme. Two potential themes identified are:

- delivering sustainable communities/transforming local places; and
- the forthcoming Climate Change Bill and the Duty to Involve.

Views are requested from the Executive on the following potential key note speakers:

Delivering sustainable communities

- **Felicity Everiss** – Regional Director, Government Office for Yorkshire & the Humber;

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- **Isobel Mills** – Deputy Regional Director of People, Communities and Local Government;
- **Paul Johnstone** – Regional Director of Public Health, Yorkshire & the Humber (with an angle on improving health and wellbeing/sustainable communities);
- **Cllr Arthur Barker** – Chair, Sustainable Development Board (see also below).
- **Mike Smith** – Head of Sustainable Development , Yorkshire Forward (see also below)
- **Tom Riordan** – Chief Executive, Yorkshire Forward
- **Pam Hardisty / Jenny Lynn** – National Neighbourhood Renewal Advisors

The Climate Change Bill (and Duty to Involve)

- **Jonathan Porritt** – Chairman, UK Sustainable Development Commission & Programme Director of Forum for the Future.
- **Mike Smith** – Head of Sustainable Development , Yorkshire Forward.
- **Cllr Arthur Barker** – Chair, Sustainable Development Board (see also below).

4 Recommendations

That the NYSP Executive consider the above recommendations for key note speakers for the NYSP conference and decide on provisional first and second choice speakers.

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