

Ryedale Strategic Partnership

held at Ryedale House, Malton on Wednesday 24 September 2008

Present:

Councillor Mrs Clare Wood (in the Chair)	- North Yorkshire County Council
Councillor Jim Bailey	- North York Moors NPA
Martin Hawkings	- Consultant in Public Health Medicine for North Yorkshire and York Primary Health Trust
Andrea Hobbs	- Ryedale Voluntary Action
Mrs Jos Holmes	- Ryedale District Council
Inspector Tim Hutchison	- North Yorkshire Police
Mrs Marie-Ann Jackson	- Ryedale District Council (Substitute for Miss Janet Waggott)
Councillor Keith Knaggs	- Ryedale District Council
Ms Jo Reilly	- Ryedale District Council
Kay Ritchie	- North Yorkshire County Council
Mrs Clare Slater	- Ryedale District Council
Andy Young	- North Yorkshire Fire Service
Mrs Audrey Adnitt	- Committee Administrator

Minutes:

RSP.248 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from John Moore and Simon Walker.

RSP.249 Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting of the Ryedale Strategic Partnership held on 28 May 2008 were presented.

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting of the Ryedale Strategic Partnership held on 28 May 2008 be approved.

RSP.250 Matters Arising

Election of Chairman

The re-election of Councillor Mrs Clare Wood to the Chair of the Partnership Board was reported to Ryedale District Council at the meeting of Full Council held on the 10 July 2008, and was duly noted.

Government Office

Councillor Knaggs was of the opinion that as flooding and flood defences were a great cause of concern in Ryedale, it would be useful to invite the Environment Agency to the next meeting. The Chair was in agreement and felt it would also be useful to invite a representative from the Highways Agency, as transport links were another area of concern locally.

Leader Programme

The Economic Development and Community Services Manager reported that some positive feedback had been received regarding the Leader Programme. Two funding bids had been successful, a further update would be provided at a future meeting,

RSP.251 Priority Leads Progress Reports

The Community Planning Officer submitted a report (previously circulated) which updated the Board on the progress of the agreed priorities for action.

Community Transport

Concern was expressed by Board Members as to the future of the Rural Transport Partnership. Andrea Hobbs (newly appointed Chief Officer Ryedale Voluntary Action) will report to the next meeting.

Skills for Life

Following the retirement of Paul Hayward from the post of Chief Officer of RVA, there was no Lead Officer for this Priority. Andrea Hobbs offered to act as a conduit for information from the Ryedale Employment Skills Board, although she would not be replacing Paul Hayward as the Chair.

Obesity

Due to changes of personnel at the YNYPCT, reporting on this priority had been patchy this quarter; Martin Hawkings would request the new post holder Katie Needham, to attend the next Board meeting.

Community Engagement

Emily Murphy, the BME officer, had left to take up a new post, Andrea Hobbs reported that there were sufficient funds to advertise for a replacement to carry on this work for the next year. The new post holder should be appointed by the time of the next Board meeting.

Councillor Knaggs suggested that it would be a good idea to publicise the work done by the Partnership, and report on the progress of the priorities for action and some of the successful projects. The board was of the opinion that this would be useful.

Resolved

That information on the achievements of the Partnership appear in the next copy of the Councils' newspaper.

RSP.252 Progress on NYCC Community Fund

Mrs Kay Ritchie of NYCC submitted a report (previously circulated) in order to provide an update following the recent review of the Community Fund.

Representatives were advised that following the review of the operation and processes of the NYCC Community Fund, it had been agreed that 2008/09 would be the final year that the current level of funding would be provided to Local Strategic Partnerships (LSP). From 2009/10 onwards, the revenue generated from second home council tax would be focused on affordable housing schemes/developments for 'vulnerable adults' using a broad definition to include older people and the homeless, amongst others. The funds would continue to be used to finance the cost of borrowing for developments, but would now be allocated on the basis of county-wide need and not where the revenue was generated, as had previously been the case.

The Ryedale Community Fund would therefore be reduced over time, although the rate of reduction would depend upon the rate at which new affordable housing was produced across the County. The LSP would not be left with a community fund of less than £25,000, and the annual budget would be announced shortly before the start of the financial year. It was suggested that the funds be allocated to voluntary and community sector projects that fitted the priorities of the LSP.

Mrs Ritchie advised that there would be a transitional period, and therefore Ryedale would not see a large drop in their funding allocations immediately. The £10,000 per annum allocated to support Partnership running costs, promotional material, conferences etc, would not be affected by these changes.

Resolved

That the report be noted.

RSP.253 Feedback from NYSP Executive Meeting held on 26th June 2008

Mrs Kay Ritchie of NYCC submitted a report (previously circulated) in order to update the Board on the meeting of the NYSP Executive held at Coningham Hall, Knaresborough on the 26th June 2008.

A presentation had been given by the North Yorkshire Police on the potential for establishing a Neighbourhood Management Framework within the NYSP structure. The aim of the framework would be to deliver efficiencies and enhanced services across agencies, pooling together partners' expertise on areas such as neighbourhood profiling and community tension monitoring.

An update was also provided by the NYSP Equalities Task Group on the work underway on the Strategic Review of the Impact of Inward Migration from the EU Accession.

Planning was underway for the NYSP Wider Partnership Conference to be held at The Pavillions, Harrogate on Friday 17th October 2008. The Executive has agreed to invite a keynote speaker on the theme of “Delivering Sustainable Communities” to address the conference.

Resolved

That the report be noted.

RSP.254 Final Version of the North Yorkshire Local Area Agreement - for Endorsement

The Head of Transformation submitted the final version of the North Yorkshire Local Agreement (previously circulated) for endorsement. Board Members were then updated on the progress of Ryedale’s version.

The Head of Transformation advised that a total change in the method used by Central Government to assess local performance was underway. There would now be 198 national indicators used to measure performance management outcomes delivered by Local Government working alone or in partnership. This system was effective from April 2008, and generated by the thirty Central Government public service agreements, including 25 Citizen Perspective Indicators, twenty of which were to be collected through a Place Survey.

The Place Survey was the one tool, which was available to Councils and their partners to gather the views of local people. The initial mail out had been done on the 25th September, and Board Members were requested to promote completion of these questionnaires.

Finally the Head of Transformation gave an update on the new Heads of Service responsibilities regarding NYSP Thematic Partnerships following the recent restructure at Ryedale District Council.

The newly appointed Heads of Service would take the following Corporate leads:

- Gary Housden, Head of Planning, Safer Communities Thematic Partnership.
- Julian Rudd, Head of Economy and Housing, Economy and Enterprise Thematic Partnership.
- Louise Sandall, Head of Organisational Development, Children and Young People Thematic Partnership.
- Phil Long, Head of Environmental Services, Stronger Communities Thematic Partnership.
- Claire Slater, Head of Transformation, Adult and Health Joint Thematic Partnership.

Resolved

That the Ryedale Strategic Partnership endorse the final version of the North Yorkshire Local Area Agreement.

RSP.255 **Ryedale Representatives on Older People's Partnership Board**

The Community Planning Officer reminded Members that in 2007 it had been agreed to support the Older People's Partnership Board (OPPB) established by the Adult/Healthier Communities of Strategic Partnerships of the North Yorkshire Strategic Partnership in order to monitor progress on Planning for Older Age 2006-10 and to improve communication with older people.

Ryedale would be represented on the OPPB by Councillor Brian Cottam, Rob Salkeld of the Ryedale Forum for Older People and Elizabeth Richards of Scarborough & Ryedale Carers' Resource. They would all be attending the OPPB launch event on 23 October 2008, together with the Community Planning Officer, who will report back to the next meeting.

RSP.256 **NYSP Joint Community Engagement Framework Update**

Mrs Kay Ritchie of NYCC submitted a report (previously circulated) in order to provide an update on the development of a joint community engagement and neighbourhood management framework.

Following discussions in meetings with LSP co-ordinators across the County, a paper had been presented to the NYSP Executive on the 26 June 2008 regarding work currently underway to review existing community engagement structures within the County with a view to developing a NYSP owned framework which would help to make activity more joined up across agencies.

A Task and Finish group had been set up between representatives of NYSP partners to decide upon work streams and begin the process of developing a framework for community engagement. The group had met twice, and to date had identified principles for a NYSP framework, and number of potential work streams.

The proposed work streams included:

- Joint data hub / neighbourhood profiles
- Joint commissioning / co-ordination of Place survey
- Joint locality engagement structures
- Joint consultation and engagement databases
- Joint citizens ' panels
- Joint mechanisms for engaging with communities of interest / circumstance and minority groups
- Joint toolkit and training
- Joint neighbour management / local problem solving
- Joint work on Sustainable Communities Act 2007

Further details of the work streams were included in the report.

Resolved

That the report be noted.

RSP.257 Government Office Yorkshire and Humber Update

As there was no representative from Government Office for Yorkshire and Humber present at the meeting, this item was postponed.

RSP. 258 Consultations and Information

The Community Planning Officer submitted the following items for Members information:

- NYCC Library Consultation
- Joint Strategic Needs Assessment
- North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority York Service Provision Review – First Phase of Consultation
- Healthy Weight, Active Lives Strategy for North Yorkshire and York 2008-2020
- Report and Consultation on Strategic review of the Impact of Inward Migration in North Yorkshire

RSP.259 Dates for Future Meetings of the Partnership

It was agreed that the next meetings of the Partnership would be held as follows:

- 2.00 pm on Monday 1 December 2008 at Ryedale House
- 2.00 pm on Wednesday 25 February 2009 at Ryedale House