

Ryedale Strategic Partnership

held at Ryedale House, Malton on Wednesday 25 February 2009

Present:

Councillor Mrs Clare Wood (in the Chair)	- North Yorkshire County Council
Andrea Hobbs	- Ryedale Voluntary Action
Inspector Tim Hutchison	- North Yorkshire Police
Miss Janet Waggott	Ryedale District Council
Mrs Marie-Ann Jackson	- Ryedale District Council (Substitute for Miss Janet Waggott)
Mrs Clare Slater	- Ryedale District Council
Councillor Keith Knaggs	- Ryedale District Council
Ms Jo Reilly	- Ryedale District Council
Louise Lunn	- Ryedale District Council
Andrea Hobbs	- Ryedale Voluntary Action
Val Dilcock	- North York Moors National Park (Substitute for Andy Wilson)
Hugh Williamson	- North Yorkshire County Council
Councillor David Lloyd-Williams	- North Yorkshire County Council
Councillor E Broadbent	- North Yorkshire Fire Authority
Helen Christmas	- NHS North Yorkshire & York
Julie Chandler	- York & North Yorkshire Partnership Unit
Ms Lesley Dale	- North Yorkshire County Council
Sue Shuttleworth	- Committee Administrator

Minutes:

RSP.273 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Jim Bailey, Andy Wilson (NYMNPA), David Fraser (Government Office), Dave McCabe (North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service) and Martin Hawkings (NHS NY & Y).

RSP.274 Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting of the Ryedale Strategic Partnership held on 1 December 2008 were presented.

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting of the Ryedale Strategic Partnership held on 1 December 2008 be approved.

RSP.275 Matters Arising

1. With reference to Minute No. RSP.263 (Priority Leads Progress Reports -

Community Engagement) it was reported that Maggie Farey would attend the June meeting of the Board to report on her work with Parish Planning groups in Ryedale.

2. With reference to Minute No RSP.270 (Highway Agency Report on A64 Issues) Councillor Lloyd-Williams asked if any action were to be taken and also referred to the severe deterioration of the road surface between Morrisons and Eastfield. Councillor Broadbent was to pass the comments on.

Councillor Knaggs reported that the agenda for a meeting of Yorkshire & Humber Leaders to be held the following day indicated only one project for the whole of North Yorkshire. He was of the opinion that there was a need for this Partnership to exercise influence on other agencies and his proposal that a representative from Yorkshire Forward be invited to attend meetings of the Board was agreed.

RSP.276 **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.

Obesity

It was reported that responsibility for the MEND programme had been passed to the Adult Learning team.

Helen Christmas reported that the PCT, in an attempt to introduce a more positive slant to the subject, had launched a "Healthy Weight, Active Life Strategy" and that a new post had been recruited to the Healthy team.

The Chair welcomed the change and considered that this would broaden the appeal and scope of the initiative. It was agreed that the title of the Partnership's "Obesity" aim be changed to "Healthy Weight".

Skills for Life

It was reported that employment totals were in place for a year.

Community Transport

The Mobile Resource vehicle had launched in January 2008 and was now known as the Ryepod. It was noted that the additional target of 40 hires for the first year of operation by RYECAT had been achieved with the diary for 2009 beginning to be filled and that funding for Wheels to Work had been secured for a further two years. RYECAT will launch a new model for running Wheels to Work in April which will be more sustainable.

It was proposed that a programme of events be organised to take the Ryepod

to rural locations to provide information and advice to communities on services provided by the Council and the Partnership.

Community Engagement

It was reported that funding had been obtained by Rural Action Yorkshire from the NYMNP's Sustainable Development Fund to allow community development work, including Parish Planning, to be undertaken in the Howardian Hills AONB commencing in April.

A report was submitted by Christine Bailey, BME Engagement Officer at Ryedale Voluntary Action, giving details of training and meetings attended. It was noted that five individuals/families had been referred to the project since 8 December 2009.

The Engagement Officer was working with Safer Ryedale and North Yorkshire Police to support the roll out of Third Party Hate Crime Reporting Centres across Ryedale. An initial training event for potential Reporting Centres was to be held on 25 March. It was intended that there would be 15 centres in Ryedale in the first instance.

A report was also submitted by Andrea Hobbs relating to the Rural Transport and Access Partnership, the purpose of which was to:

- Update the Board on the recent review and membership of the partnership
- to indicate the potential future and priorities of the Partnership
- to raise issues of concern

It was noted that the Terms of Reference had been agreed and that the PCT, Scarborough Transport Forum and a CT Service User had been included in the group. It had been agreed that investigations be undertaken into providing a Medibus project across the two districts.

There was a possibility that funding would be coming through from Yorkshire Forward and that a county-wide Rural Access Partnership would be formed.

A further report will be submitted to the next meeting of the Board.

Julie Chandler then presented a report on the current position of the Ryedale Employment Skills Partnership.

It was concluded that it was important that the RESP harnessed the growing commitment of their Member organisations to the employment and skills agenda in Ryedale and that the momentum for developing and implementing an employment and skills action plan for Ryedale be maintained. An Action Plan was to be produced and a report submitted to the next meeting of the Board.

Resolved

That the report be noted.

RSP.277 New Management Plan

The Community Planning Officer submitted a report (previously circulated) presenting the draft Management Plan 2009-13.

Members were reminded that the first draft of the revised Plan had been discussed at the Board meeting on 1 December 2008. The plan now submitted included for the first time a Risk Register for the Partnership, together with performance management which would be reported quarterly at the Board. It was considered that this would assist the partnership to focus on what needed to be done and would also help with CAA.

Resolved

That the Management Plan 2009-13 as submitted be adopted.

RSP.278 Community Engagement Plan

The Community Planning Officer submitted a report (previously circulated) in which members were presented with the draft version of the RSP Community Engagement Plan.

The Aims and Objectives expressed in the Plan were welcomed and it was

Resolved

That the Community Engagement Plan 2009-13 as submitted be adopted.

RSP.279 Ryedale LAA (includes Performance management Q2 and Priority Action Plan)

The Community Planning Officer submitted a report (previously circulated) in which members were presented with a set of indicators which constituted the revised Draft Ryedale Local Area Agreement.

Since the first NY LAA was signed off in 2007, the RSP Board had had an ambition to express the County-wide LAA in more local terms. The first draft of the Ryedale LAA had been presented for discussion at the Board meeting in December and the revised Draft had been prepared with that discussion in mind.

The number of indicators had been reduced to twenty. The list of indicators

was made up of those that directly addressed the Board's priorities and those most strongly supported by partnership members. In addition, all indicators had been selected because it was considered that the RSP could influence their delivery.

Members considered the table attached to the report, which comprised the 20 indicators selected for the Ryedale LAA with as much information as was currently available. One unresolved issue was that of progress in obtaining Ryedale level targets. The intention was to have Ryedale level targets available for all of the indicators, but this was not yet possible and the table contained some indication of the various factors affecting this.

Also attached to the report was the quarterly monitoring report for the NY LAA for Quarter 2 2008 and the Imagine Ryedale Action Plans 2007-09.

Revised Action Plans mirroring the LAA and the new LIP, containing the projects which would deliver the RSP's priorities over the next two years, will be submitted to the next meeting of the Board.

It was agreed that the information contained in future reports should be presented in as easily understood format as possible.

Resolved

That, subject to identification of Ryedale level targets for all indicators, the Ryedale LAA be adopted.

RSP.280 Feedback from NYSP Executive Meeting

The Chief Executive reported on the key messages from a meeting of the North Yorkshire Strategic Partnership - Executive held on 8 January 2008.

The meeting had focused on the following points:

- Joint Strategic Needs Assessment
- Strategic Review of the Impact of Inward Migration
- First Annual review of North Yorkshire Local Area Agreement 2008/11 by Government Office for Yorkshire and the Humber
- NYSP Community Engagement and Neighbourhood Management Framework
- Annual progress report on the development and implementation of the North Yorkshire Compact
- Local Indicator 65 (environment for a thriving third sector)
- Overview & Scrutiny Guidance for Partners
- Topics for the next NYSP Partnership meeting to be held on 12 March 2009. It had been agreed that the most pertinent theme in the current climate would be the economic downturn and its associated impact on businesses, employment and other aspects such as community cohesion within North Yorkshire. Thematic groups would be reporting at that

meeting

- The Executive had reviewed the recent Wider Partnership conference in October 2008, which had exceeded previous events in terms of attendance and had been generally agreed to have been well-organised and informative. The next conference was to take place on 15 October 2009 at the Pavilions of Harrogate.

It was also reported that GOYH had recently stressed that, although times were difficult, it was important not to lose sight of affordable housing targets.

RSP.281 **Voluntary Sector**

Andrea Hobbs tabled a report to inform the Board about:

- Developments at Ryedale Voluntary Action with regard to information services and representation.
- Planned development to enhance engagement with the voluntary & community sector in order to create a stronger communication link to the Ryedale SP.

The main developments in information services are:

- Redesigned newsletter to be issued six times a year. There will be a regular slot for RSP news and activity.
- Volunteer Centre newsletter
- Greater use of electronic communication, including an updated website.

Representation

A small partnership planning group was meeting to plan the development of a new Ryedale Voluntary Sector Forum; the intention was that the Forum would constitute a more formal and regular channel for the Ryedale SP Board to engage with the wider voluntary and community sector. The target date for the first meeting was 1 April 2009.

The report also included an outline of associated costs.

RSP.282 **Consultations and Information**

(a) **Briefing re: Partnership Improvement Programme**

The Partnership Improvement Programme was designed to improve cross-sector partnership working between local authorities and local voluntary and community organisations. The programme had been run in NE and NW England, London and would now focus upon North Yorkshire.

The report set out the four principal objectives for the programme, together with the means of achieving them.

It was emphasised that by signing up for participation in the programme, the members would have to agree to:

- attend all four sessions
- commit to the development of a local Partnership Improvement Action Plan
- agree to participate in follow up work to support the implementation of the local Partnership Improvement Action Plan

Following discussion of the report, it was

Resolved

That this Partnership participate in the Partnership Improvement Programme and that its representatives be drawn from:

- The Police Service
- North Yorkshire County Council
- Ryedale District Council
- North York Moors National Park
- Fire & Rescue Service

(b) Post Office Consultation

It was reported that the House of Commons Business and Enterprise Committee was conducting an enquiry into the future of Post Offices.

An online forum had been set up to listen to the views of individuals and businesses who use the Post Offices.

It was agreed that members of the Board should respond individually.

RSP283 Date of Next Meeting of the Partnership

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Partnership would be held on Wednesday 24 June 2008 at 2pm.

The Wider Partnership Conference was to be held on Monday 23 March 2009 from 10.00am to 3.00pm at Ryedale House.