

## **Ryedale Strategic Partnership**

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held at the North York Moors National Park Authority, Bondgate, Helmsley on  
Wednesday 14 November 2007

### **Present:**

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Councillor Mrs Clare Wood (in the Chair)	- North Yorkshire County Council
Councillor Keith Knaggs	- Ryedale District Council
Miss Janet Waggott	- Ryedale District Council
Councillor David Lloyd-Williams	- North Yorkshire Police Authority
Inspector Helen Taylor	- North Yorkshire Police
Councillor James Bailey	- North York Moors National Park
Justine Williams	- North Yorkshire County Council
Chris Stark	- North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service
Jo Gillespie	- Government Office for Yorkshire and the Humber
Andy Wilson	- North York Moors NPA
Paul Hayward	- Ryedale Voluntary Action
Marie-Ann Jackson	- Ryedale District Council
Miss Cheryl Gaynor	- Committee Administrator

### **Minutes:**

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#### **RSP.202 Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed representatives to the meeting and appropriate introductions were made.

#### **RSP.203 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs Clare Slater, John Moore, Councillor Eric Broadbent and Bill Redlin.

#### **RSP.204 Minutes**

The minutes of the last meeting of the Ryedale Strategic Partnership held on 15 August 2007 were presented.

#### **Resolved**

That the minutes of the meeting of the Ryedale Strategic Partnership held on 15 August 2007 be approved.

**RSP.205 Matters Arising**

The Chairman reminded Members that at the last meeting of the Partnership, representatives had expressed concern regarding transport links in Ryedale in particular the need for A64 improvements. It was suggested that it would be advantageous to invite a representative from the Highways Agency to join the group. The Chairman queried whether this had been actioned. The Director of Policy reported that the Highways Agency would be invited in time for the next meeting of the Partnership.

The Director of Policy also reminded Members that at the last meeting of the Partnership, it was discussed that Community Transport was a particularly important inclusion of the 'Imagine Ryedale Priorities for Action' and it was requested that a representative of Ryecat be invited to this meeting of the Partnership. Members noted Ryecat's apologies for the meeting and were informed that a representative would be attending the next meeting.

**RSP.206 Progress Report – Priorities for Action**

The Policy Manager submitted a report (previously circulated) which updated the Partnership on the agreed priorities for action.

The Imagine Ryedale Plans had been endorsed by Ryedale District Council in April 2007, and by North Yorkshire County Council at its April Meeting of the Ryedale Area Committee.

The Director of Policy reported on the current position with regard to the priorities and progress made since the last meeting.

**Resolved**

That the report be noted.

**RSP.207 Letter from Hazel Blears – Comprehensive Spending Review 2007**

The Director of Policy submitted, for information, a letter (previously circulated) received from Hazel Blears of the Communities and Local Government regarding the Comprehensive Spending Review 2007.

**RSP.208 Future Relationship with Government Office Yorkshire and the Humber**

The Chairman welcomed Jo Gillespie of Government Office for the Yorkshire and Humber to the meeting.

Mrs Gillespie gave a brief presentation of Government Office Yorkshire and the Humber and responded to Members questions.

Mrs Gillespie thanked the Chair for her invitation.

#### RSP.209 **Local Area Agreement 1**

The North Yorkshire County Council representative Justine Williams submitted a report (previously circulated) which updated Members on the current reporting arrangements associated with the Local Area Agreement (LAA) for North Yorkshire and the potential for local analysis or performance within those arrangements.

LAA's were three year agreements between central Government and local areas which set out priorities for the area as agreed by key local partners and described how local targets associated with these priorities would be met by developing local solutions. The LAA for North Yorkshire comprised of 156 indicators, each with targets and included 19 reward element (stretch) indicators. The targets for some indicators were disaggregated for the delivery of Thematic Partnership monitoring purposes.

As the accountable body for the North Yorkshire LAA, an in-house performance monitoring system had been established within the Policy, Performance and Partnerships directorate of the County Council.

#### RSP.210 **Local Area Agreement 2 – Partnership's Input to LAA2**

The North Yorkshire County Council representative Justine Williams submitted a report (previously circulated) regarding the transition of the current North Yorkshire Local Area Agreement (NYLAA) to the new NYLAA.

The NYLAA was signed on 27 March 2007 and covered the period from 1 April 2007 to 31 March 2010. It comprised 156 indicators (each with targets), including 19 for which a reward of £16,156 million was payable if the targets were achieved.

Some guidance on the new LAAs had been issued and more was expected later in November. The report was based on guidance currently available. The Government Office for Yorkshire and the Humber was responsible for negotiating the region's new LAAs on behalf of the government.

The new LAAs were 3 years from 1 April 2008 to 31 March 2011 and comprised:

- 16 (down from 18) statutory indicators shown in Annex 1 to the report, as determined by the Department for Children Schools and Families (DCSF) that related to early years and educational attainment
- Up to 35 indicators drawn from the remaining 182 indicators in the national indicator

set (NIS) as shown in Annex 2 to the report

- Local indicators

It was noted that there was no limit on the number of local indicators or constraint on the matters covered by them. Whilst they were within the LAA they did not have the same legal status as the indicators in the other categories and would not be subject to the same degree of negotiation and monitoring.

#### **RSP.211 Second Homes Projects – Progress Report**

The North Yorkshire County Council representative Justine Williams reported that a detailed progress report regarding the Second Homes Projects will be circulated to all Members of the Partnership at a later date.

#### **RSP.212 Credit Union Update**

The North Yorkshire County Council representative Justine Williams reported that she had received the Association of Britain Credit report in July. The first hearing was to be held in early December where Partners were being asked to comment and it was hoped that Ryedale would be asked to contribute to 2 years of the project. Mrs Williams reported that a summary report would be brought back to the next meeting of the Partnership.

#### **RSP.213 Compact Update**

The North Yorkshire County Council representative Justine Williams informed Members that a survey had recently taken place and a meeting was held to analyse the results. The response received was of a positive nature.

#### **RSP.214 A64 Update – Musley Bank Junction Improvements**

The Director of Policy reported that, subsequent to the agenda, the Regional Transport Board had put the plans/project for the A64 on hold.

The Chairman informed Members that she would be attending the rescheduled Board meeting and would be representing all Members of the Partnership and would bring feedback to the next meeting.

#### **RSP.215 Date of Next Meeting**

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Partnership would be held at 10.30am on Wednesday 27 February 2008. The Director of Policy was to report to Members at a later

date with regard to the venue.

RSP.216 **Any Other Business**

None.