

YORK & NORTH YORKSHIRE PARTNERSHIP EXECUTIVE

Thursday 20th May 2010, 14.00 -16.00 hours

Meeting Room 3 – 14.00 – 16.00 County Hall, Northallerton

A G E N D A

Apologies and Welcome

1. Minutes of the Last Meeting(pages 2-7)

2. Matters Arising

3. Economic Assessment (pages 8-10)

An update on the Economic assessment and programme to prepare the statutory assessments

4. Sub regional Strategy(pages 11-14)

To seek approval of a scoping report to produce the strategy now that the proposal has been agreed by LGNY. This places the Partnership Executive in a leadership role. This item could also provide an update on the Integrated Regional strategy

5. Independent Sustainability Board (pages 15-16)

To consider working with the regional Independent Sustainability Board and the Integrated Appraisal scoping document prepared regionally which is the successor to the Sustainability appraisal.

6. Regional Improvement and Efficiency Programme(pages 17-19)

A report on the revised budget profile for the RIEP programme and the main areas that it is funding

7. Sub regions and regions – (no Report)

The issue of the future of sub regional working post election will arise from any of the above items and I suggest we might have a specific item without a report for a general discussion on the direction of travel.

8. ERDF (pages 20-22)

To consider the sub region's response to the proposals to broaden the scope of the ERDF programme.

9. North Yorkshire Strategic Partnership (NYSP) (pages 23-27)

Report to provide an update on key issues and messages from the NYSP. This will also include progress on the economy and enterprise LAA indicators and initial priorities for the revised North Yorkshire Sustainable Community Strategy.

10 Yorkshire Forward Update (to Follow)

Report from the RDA on issues discussed at the last meeting.

11. Economy and Skills Board (page 28)

A report back on the Economy and Skills Board meeting with a discussion on the next agenda.

12. Any Other Business

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YORK & NORTH YORKSHIRE PARTNERSHIP EXECUTIVE

MINUTES OF MEETING

19th February 2010

PRESENT

John Marsden (NYCC-Chair)
John Fox (Business Link Yorkshire)
Jill Gibson (Jobcentre Plus)
Colin Mellors (University of York)
Anna Knight (GOYH)
Paul Ellis (Craven DC)
Peter Simpson (Hambleton/Richmondshire)
John Hayton (Harrogate BC)
Stephanie Sturrock (NYFVO)
Julie Hutton (Yorkshire Forward)
Jim Dillon (Scarborough BC)
Roger Ranson (City of York Council)
Allan Stewart (Selby College)

IN ATTENDANCE

Jonathan French (YNYPU)
Andrew Leeming (YNYPU)
Jan Anderson (Yorkshire Forward)
Andy Tordoff (Yorkshire Forward)

APOLOGIES

Ian Williams (Leeds, York & NY Chamber)
Gary Verity (Welcome to Yorkshire)
Martin Connor (Selby DC)
Wallace Sampson (Harrogate BC) (John Hayton substituting)
Andy Wilson (North York Moors National Park)
Janet Waggott (Ryedale DC)
Anne Marie Edwards (GOYH) (Anna Knight substituting)
Liz Burdett (LSC)
Paul Shevlin (Craven DC) (Paul Ellis substituting)
Richard Flinton (NYCC)
Kersten England (City of York Council)

1. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

1.1 These were approved

2. MATTERS ARISING

2.1 These were covered on the agenda.

3. Economy and Skills Board

3.1 Jonathan French introduced the report on the meeting of the Economy and Skills Board on the 13th January 2010. This set out the range of issues that the board considered and also what might be on the agenda for the meeting in March 2010.

- 3.2 Peter Simpson said he was concerned about achievement of outcomes within the Tourism sector and John Marsden said the Board discussed the importance of the relationship with Culture.
- 3.3 In respect of skills issues Allan Stewart said that FE Colleges were suffering a reduction in skills funding for Adults of 25%. This with other factors could in fact reduce funding for adults by a half. There is very little funding left for a traditional evening provision. Potentially colleges could be shut for most evenings from now on.
- 4. Yorkshire Forward**
- 4.1 Jan Anderson, Executive Director of Yorkshire Forward, along with Andy Tordoff, Assistant Director, attended the meeting to discuss the future funding of the Environment, Renaissance and Tourism activity. Jan was meeting all Local Authorities to discuss financing from Yorkshire Forward particularly on the capital side for Urban and Rural Renaissance. Over the last 7-8 years some £75 million pa had been made available for capital expenditure, but in 2010/11 this would be reduced to £30 million. It's not clear what would happen following that but the assumptions must be that this figure would not improve.
- 4.2 Yorkshire Forward currently have £43 million worth of commitment against their £30 million available and therefore will have difficulty in delivering as much as partners desire. Therefore it is vital that partners identify their critical priorities at this point. YF will continue with its commitments and contracted activity. Clearly the election would determine the future funding for regeneration, though it is clearly slipping as a priority in Whitehall compared to support for jobs and businesses. In response to a question from John Marsden, she said there was really nothing else available in the frame to add to that £30 million.
- 4.3 Peter Simpson felt that it was important that resources were not spread thinly and it was essential to concentrate on purposeful interventions. He noted that Local Authorities ability to match was also reducing. There was also a need to look at other resources, although Jan Anderson said that there was very great difficulty matching ERDF currently because of the way it was structured although there was a potential for a new priority which might facilitate that.
- 4.4 In response to a question from Jim Dillon, Jan Anderson said that there was concern for all partners about continuing revenue for support for staff—some of which were now relying on extensions to contracts. YF had been funding 80 posts to support delivery, but now capital is going down, this is clearly getting out of sync. It is part of the discussion with individual Local Authorities. Colin Mellors commented that the problem of ERDF was not achieving a high 'hit rate' against the number of projects in the system. There was a need to look again at a number of key priorities and move those to a more fundable proposition to gain ERDF support. Hopefully there will be more flexibility resulting from discussions with the Commission which will be initiated in June. A new priority could be discussed at that time. Andy Tordoff commented that targeting on specific sectors posed a major challenge for rural areas to use ERDF.
- 4.5 Peter Simpson felt that in respect of post election issues in the role of Regional Development Agencies there was need to have a discussion at LGNYY. There is a need to start a debate on how sub regions might manage what resources we have at a local level. That should be in the summer.

4.6 John Marsden said it was important to balance the regional, sub regional and local levels. Peter Simpson said it would be helpful to have feedback from Jan Anderson once the discussions with all the Local Authorities have been completed. Jim Dillon said that if we are going to stimulate private sector investment but we do need staff support to enable us to undertake that task.

4.7 John Marsden thank Jan Anderson for her contribution

5. North Yorkshire Geographic Programme Performance

5.1 Julie Hutton, from Yorkshire Forward introduced this paper setting out a snapshot of where North Yorkshire was in respect of the Geographic Programmes. Data was given on beneficiaries and jobs created and she noted that North Yorkshire were performing well particularly on businesses and jobs and in the top half of regional performance in terms of private sector leverage.

5.2 Julie Hutton said that she would also be happy to update the York Economic Partnership.

5.3 Andy Tordoff commented that information also needs supplying on the Rural Development Programme for England (RDPE).

6. Renaissance Market Towns Programme

6.1 Andrew Leeming introduced this report which set out the position on the RMT programme and also made recommendations as to how we might prioritise projects within that programme. Local Authorities had completed pro-formas on priority projects and although there were some concerns about other sources of funding, the paper suggested a prioritisation process with six priority projects and two on the reserve list. This was reached purely through technical assessment of eligibility for ERDF money and the practicalities of delivery. They had a local alternative for fair share approach but this really was not an option nor a mechanism to move forward.

6.2 Andy Tordoff commented that funding was getting more and more difficult and it was important to concentrate on one or two key priorities at this stage. Peter Simpson asked how to prioritise within the six projects, and what mechanism might be made to choose between them.

6.3 Jan Anderson said the key issue for Yorkshire Forward was whether they can draw down ERDF which clearly attached a high level of priority. Another issue for Peter Simpson was that the delivery teams need some commitment to them and Jan Anderson said that they would have a six month extension.

6.4 Paul Ellis emphasised the importance of the South Skipton Employment zone and felt that it should come up the priority list. They needed more funding to support the project.

6.5 Julie Hutton said that Yorkshire Forward was running out of time in terms of priorities. Peter Simpson said they should support the option recommended in the report but needed to look at how the six projects could be prioritised further. Andy Tordoff felt it should be based on ERDF availability and then timescales. Jan Anderson said that she felt it was a real issue that not all those projects could be funded. Colin Mellors felt that it should be agreed that the process should be around ERDF and

deliverability and outputs. John Marsden said that all those projects were good ones but there was a need to fit to the resources available

- 6.6 It was agreed that it would be left to the Partnership Unit and Yorkshire Forward to look at this further and to determine the immediate priorities for projects. . It was agreed that a proposal would be sent to members of the Executive by the 17th March 2010. It was also agreed that the issue be taken to the Economy and Skills Board so they are aware of the problems.**

7 Integrated Regional Strategy and Economic Assessment

- 7.1 Jonathan French gave a presentation on the current position on the economic assessment and the information contained in the engagement paper circulated with the agenda. He took the meeting through the background to economic assessments and also some of the key findings and the next steps.
- 7.2 Peter Simpson said that he agreed with the conclusions reached to date and noted the study on the Catterick Garrison and MOD expenditure needed to be included. He felt that it was important that we had a sub regional Integrated Strategy which enabled us to bring together our priorities. Jill Gibson said there was a clear difference between the Northern and Eastern areas of the Jobcentre, plus district, which included the sub region and there are a lot of pressures on the eastern area in terms of employment.
- 7.3 Colin Mellors stressed the importance of sub regional work and in the context of uncertainty about structures there needed to be a means to build on the data and understand the drivers of the economy to inform discussions. Roger Ranson emphasised the need to understand the levels of dependence on the public sector. The Executive then also discussed the reports update on the Integrated Regional Strategy and the Regional Improvement and Efficiency Programme (RIEP).

7.4 The report was noted.

8.0 London 2012 Olympic and Para-Olympic Games

- 8.1 Andrew Leeming introduced the report which set out the current background on the work that the sub regional partnership is doing in working with the region on connecting to the 2012 Olympics. These included ensuring the Personal Best programme funded through the European Social Fund was initiated in North Yorkshire. The current discussions were around the torch relay to make sure that this sub region maximised its presence. The next steps in the report included making sure we have a Lead Officer in each Local Authority to deal with 2012 issues. Then we would be in a position to receive communications and information from the 2012 officers.
- 8.2 Andy Tordoff reported that Martin Havenhand would be stepping down from his role on Yorkshire Gold and that he is being replaced by Gary Verity. Yorkshire Gold activity would be integrated into Welcome to Yorkshire. Andy Tordoff had overall responsibility for both activities.
- 8.3 Peter Simpson said that he supported the recommendations of the report. John Marsden said that it was important that work was effective and he felt that much of this needed to be kept virtual. It is about what differences we expect from 2012 activity. Andy Tordoff said that it was hoped to promote new activity and make sure we get an effective legacy. Jim Dillon said that we could heighten awareness in Yorkshire of visitors and will also greatly assist the health and wellbeing output.

8.4 The executive agreed the following actions

1. That there is a lead named officer for each Local Authority. This would be the main contact and communication link between the Sub Regional Culture/2012 team and the Local Authority on any future activity and identifying potential for sub regional activity.
2. That a sub regional co-ordinating Group is established within the Cultural Partnership to take forward activities at a sub regional level. This would report into the Cultural Partnership and would include each of the Local Authority lead officers and some of the key sub regional agencies such as North Yorkshire Sport and the Area Tourism Partnership.
3. That a brief action plan setting out the key priorities for sub regional activity is produced and agreed by the Cultural Partnership by June 2010.
4. Further reports and a presentation by Yorkshire Gold is made at a future meeting of this Executive.
5. The Culture/2012 Team continue to meet individually with each Local Authority to share information and to highlight any potential future opportunities.

9.0 Partnership Unit Business Plan 2010-2011

9.1 – Jonathan French introduced the business plan for the Partnership Unit.

9.2 The Executive agreed the actions for the Unit for 2010/11 and fixed an expenditure budget of £334,000 and noted that the subscriptions would be unchanged from 2009/10.

10 Leeds City Region Pilot

10.1 Jonathan French gave a presentation on the report of progress on the Leeds City Region pilot. He since has said that it was important to recognise where the Leeds City Region fitted in with this sub region. It was about how the sub region as a whole and not just about administrative areas within the city region.

10.2 Roger Ranson commented that for the Employment & Skills Board of the Leeds City Region, there had not been that many nominations from the private sector from the sub region. There is only one from York. There is a need to encourage others to participate.

10.3 The report was noted

11 Update Report

11.1 This was noted.

12 Any Other Business

12.1 Colin Mellors commented that he felt that the way the sub region operated was a very productive way of working and there was a good record of achievement on this. It is not something which the sub region has asked "permission for" and we have managed it ourselves. He felt that it was important we get a message out that we are continuing our way of working.

12.2 Peter Simpson stressed the importance of the Economic Assessment and the development of the sub regional strategy which will be driven by us.

- 12.3 Colin Mellors felt there was a need to work a little bit harder and this could be discussed more in depth at LGNY
- 12.4 John Marsden commented that this was his last meeting and that there was a discussion about who might take the Chair until the new Chief Executive of NYCC is appointed. Colin Mellors kindly agreed to do this.
- 12.5 Julie Hutton expressed her thanks on behalf of Yorkshire Forward and the Executive for the work of John Marsden.

Jonathan French

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March 2010*

YORK & NORTH YORKSHIRE PARTNERSHIP EXECUTIVE ITEM 3

20th MAY 2010

ECONOMIC ASSESSMENT

Purpose of the report

1. This report provides an update on the preparation of the York and North Yorkshire Sub Regional Economic Assessment and begins to set out a programme for the preparation of the statutory assessments for the City of York and North Yorkshire County.

Sub Regional Economic Assessment

2. The Sub Regional assessment aims to fulfil two formal tasks.
 - i. To provide an initial local economic assessment of the sub region which forms part of the evidence for the drafting of the Yorkshire and Humber Strategy (formerly the Integrated Regional strategy); and
 - ii. To provide the basis for the statutory economic assessment for North Yorkshire and to support the preparation of the assessment for the City of York both of which will be prepared by the end of 2010.
3. A scoping paper for the sub regional assessment was agreed by this Executive in September 2009, setting out the key components of the work required. These are set out below together with an update on progress to date and next steps.

Labour Market Areas (LMAs) analysis –

The sub region has been divided into 35 areas in agreement with District Councils and an initial gathering of statistical data was completed in November. These have recently being revised to include more current data and also with some changes to their boundaries after further consultation with the District Councils. A full and revised set of LMAs will be completed for mid June.

Spatial area analysis –

The LMAs provide the statistical base to aggregate data to the spatial areas that initially broadly mirror those in the approved Regional Spatial Strategy. In addition these areas or 'economic geographies' reflect analysis of travel to work patterns and catchment areas. These 'economic geographies' are as follows: -

- The York sub area
- The area connected to the West Yorkshire economy (also part of Leeds City region)
- Remoter Rural area (two – the Moors and the Dales)
- Vales and Tees links
- The Coastal area

An initial paper on each spatial area was prepared and distributed to partners in January. Further analysis of economic geographies is currently underway and will report back by the end of May.

Technical assessment –

This is the more traditional 'top down' presentation of data against topics such as enterprise, skills etc. This also includes a series specialist papers (think pieces) around critical topics. Current progress on the technical assessment and the think pieces is as follows: -

- In terms of the **technical assessment chapters** initial drafts have been prepared on: -
 - **Dynamism and flows** – this includes an assessment of the current economic performance of the sub region and also an analysis of the economic geographies and linkages that make up the economy of York and North Yorkshire. Further work is underway on this chapter particularly covering economic forecasting and analysis of the economic geographies. A revised draft will be completed by end of May.
 - **Business and Enterprise** – Again a substantial draft version of this chapter has been completed. Further work will primarily involve the completion of the think pieces (progress on these is set out below) and for this information to provide a more comprehensive assessment of the sectors and drivers of the sub regional economy. A further draft will be completed by end of May.
 - **People and Skills** – An initial draft of this chapter has been completed and a second iteration is being prepared. In particular this further iteration will assess further issues around future skill needs and further work on the impact of the aging population.
 - **Physical infrastructure** – a first draft and collation of data is currently underway. This is being prepared in collaboration with spatial planning colleagues. Again an initial draft will be produced by end May.
 - **Environment** – data collation has almost been completed for this chapter and a draft will be completed by end of May.
- Progress on the **think pieces** or specialist topic areas is as follows: -
 - Initial drafts have been produced on food manufacturing, non food manufacturing, culture and creative industries and the visitor economy, local service economy, R & D and higher education, ageing population and self employment. Assistance and specialist assistance has now been engaged to develop these further and further revised versions are currently being prepared. These have been essential in highlighting and examining specific issues within the sub regional economy.
 - Further think pieces have been commissioned on low carbon economy, agriculture, land management and climate change. Initial drafts of these will be produced mid June.
 - Shorter think pieces are also being produced to assist further in the sector analysis of the economy, these include construction, health and social care sector, and the financial and business services sector.

A short summary assessment –

This will be a document of about 15-20 pages that will draw together initial thoughts and ultimately the final conclusions in a form that facilitates interacting with partners. The 'Engagement paper' published in January was the first iteration of that short summary and was used with partners to facilitate engagement with the development of the assessment. A second iteration was produced in March that formed the basis of the sub regional evidence for the Regional Strategy. This second version, know as the 'interim summary' is attached to the agenda and provides initial key findings and as helped to identify areas which require further analysis, as set out above. A final version of the short summary will be completed by the end of June.

The full assessment –

In order to bring all the data, analysis and conclusions together a 'full' economic assessment document is currently being drafted. This will be approximately a 50-60 page version, providing a bit more detail than the summary but avoiding page after page of data tables – these will be contained

within the technical assessment chapters. A first iteration will be completed by end May with a final draft produced for the end of June.

4. It is proposed that by the end of June the suite of documents that make up the sub regional economic assessment will be completed. This will include the publication of:-
 - (i) A short economic Assessment summary; and
 - (ii) The Full sub regional economic assessment

In addition the following sets of information/analysis will be held on the Partnership Units website as background evidence

- (iii) Labour Market Area data;
- (iv) Spatial Area Assessments – full assessments of economic geographies;
- (v) A Technical Assessment – providing the comprehensive evidence base, including summaries of all the think pieces.

Statutory Economic Assessments

5. The Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction (LDEDC) Act 2009 placed a new duty on county councils and unitary councils to prepare an assessment of the economic conditions of their area.
6. The statutory Assessments will be prepared and approved during 2010 with one for North Yorkshire and the other for York. The North Yorkshire Assessment will be prepared by the York and North Yorkshire Partnership Unit and the York one by the City of York Council. Clearly these will be based on and follow up on the work undertaken on the sub regional assessment – set out above. However they would be expected to provide a more in depth analysis of the impact on localities whether wards/towns or Districts. The York assessment will also be built on the work of the Future York Group, Centre for Cities report and the Yorkshire Cities resilience report.
7. Whilst the statutory assessment will be for North Yorkshire, it will follow the spatial context as set out above and provide a continuous process for the involvement of District Councils. It will also provide an assessment for each District Council. Ultimately it will provide the material for each District to review its role in the economy even if this is not a statutory requirement.
8. In preparing this Statutory Assessment the following timetable is proposed:-
 - Final draft of the Sub Regional Economic Assessment - End June 2010
 - Initial conversion of sub regional assessment to initial iteration North Yorkshire Statutory Assessment and provision of supporting information for City of York - September 2010
 - Engagement with District Council and Partners on North Yorkshire Economic Assessment - June to September 2010
 - First 'consultation' draft - October 2010
 - Final draft/sign off - December 2010

Recommendation

9. **The Executive is requested to note the report and the progress made to date of the sub regional economic assessment**
10. **The Executive note the timetable for production of the Statutory Economic Assessment for North Yorkshire as set out in Paragraph 8**

Jonathan French
York and North Yorkshire Partnership Unit

YORK & NORTH YORKSHIRE PARTNERSHIP EXECUTIVE ITEM 4

20th MAY 2010

SUB REGIONAL STRATEGY

Purpose of the report

1. This report sets out a proposal for scoping the production of a sub regional strategy. It has been seen by the leads of the thematic partnerships and planning officers.
2. It sets out a timetable and possible contents including a discussion on how to retain a strong set of priorities. It will also provide the mechanism for preparing an economic development strategy developed from the economic assessments.

LGNYY

3. Local Government York and North Yorkshire agreed on 16 April to the proposal to draw up a sub regional strategy (SRS) and that preparation would be led by the Partnership Executive reporting back to LGNYY. Leaders did lay stress on the advocacy role of the document. Other comments were that it should seek to facilitate the reduction of strategies at a local level so that Districts, for instance, and if they wanted to, could move forward straight to action plans and implementation. LGNYY were informed that it would be 'light touch' and a short document (c 20 pages)
4. The document would not perform any statutory purpose but would enable the sub region to draw together in one place the work undertaken to date on preparation of the Integrated Regional Strategy. This is to enable us to have a flexible response whatever the decisions of the new Government on regional and sub regional relationships. It would enable the sub region to have some control over its processes and reach agreement on its key priorities on its own terms.

Background

5. Six thematic workstreams have been established in the IRS to bring together key partners and technical expertise from across the region, including all four functional sub regions. These are the building blocks for IRS evidence and this will be utilized as the evidence base and part of the structure of the SRS.
6. The workstreams are:
 - a. Economy and Skills
 - b. Transport
 - c. Housing and Regeneration
 - d. Spatial Planning
 - e. Climate change and Environmental Resources
 - f. Quality of Life and Equalities.
7. Transport, housing and regeneration and spatial planning are led by regional thematic boards which are mainly replicated by boards in York and North Yorkshire. There is a sub regional Economy and Skills Board which also takes responsibility for regeneration. Strategies are being prepared for housing and transport. Evidence is being gathered for the economic and spatial planning assessments. Much of this work will be completed by June 2010.
8. Regionally the skills strand is dealt with by the regional Work and Skills Board and Yorkshire Forward itself leads on the economy issues.

9. The other two workstreams have a less developed presence and will have a relationship to other structures such as the region's Climate Change Partnership and the Independent Sustainability Board. Sub regionally the LSPs may form the focus for the sub regional development of these workstreams. The regional work on the Integrated Appraisal (effectively a sustainability appraisal in old parlance) will inform this.

Sustainable communities Strategies (SCS)

10. It will be important to align with the preparation of the SCS especially in North Yorkshire and it needs to interrelate with the SR strategy. It is intended that a draft SCS for North Yorkshire will be circulated for consultation in October 2010. Clearly they need to align and work will be undertaken in tandem and needs to be coordinated.

Timeframe and Aims

11. The SRS might take a 20 year forward view but set out an advocacy position for the next 5 to 10 years.
12. The main aims of the SRS would be to
- a. Set out the key priorities and advocacy position for the sub region
 - b. Specifically include an economic development strategy which will not be published separately
 - c. Draw together within a spatial planning context the strategies for transport, housing and economic development
 - d. Set out the sub regions position on the Climate Change and Environmental Resources and Quality of Life workstreams of the IRS
 - e. Enable connectivity between those sub regional strategies to fulfil external and best practice requirements (e.g. HCA requirement for housing strategy to include spatial housing numbers and commentary on sustainable communities to facilitate the single conversation)

Contents of a sub regional strategy (SRS)

13. The following is suggested as the structure of the SRS. The main danger is that every interest will want a mention and this could lead to blandness and a strategy becoming 'all things to all men'. There will be a need for a disciplined approach and political and officer engagement on this. It will build on past work especially the approved Regional Spatial Strategy. It is not intended that additional evidence be sought. It will use that already gathered for the IRS.

a. Strategic and Spatial overview

- Aims of the SRS
- Regional and national context
- Spatial linkages and dimensions

B. Drawing together the workstreams

- Setting out the main conclusions of six strategies/workstreams (with one page on each in appendix)
- Matrix model showing key interfaces between them and consequent impact on conclusions made to date
- Suggested refinements to six strategies/workstreams (this may be in consultation document and not repeated in final version as issues should be resolved.)

C. Sub regional Priorities

I have put forward the following really to show the style of prioritisation. They are not a proposal as such. I think seven is too long a list and we should aim for less. These priorities should be difficult to achieve if they are to have meaning. Other priorities would be set out in the thematic strategies.

- Addressing the impact of an ageing population
- Increasing the levels of affordable housing
- Developing effective flood management solutions
- Increasing enterprise (from all groups/age groups and to include high value added knowledge based business development)
- Ensuring railway connectivity is enhanced by national High Speed Rail investment
- Building a contemporary cultural and visitor offer
- Raising aspirations and skills at non graduate level

D. The spatial dimension

We need to bring in the spatial dimension and it seems appropriate to stick with the pattern from the RSS but need to ensure boundaries and/or overlaps are appropriate and up to date viz

- Leeds City Region
- York sub area (partly in Leeds City Region)
- Remote Rural areas in the west and east
- Coast
- Vales and Tees links

I would suggest that this also provides an opportunity for more localised priorities to be set out and a number could be identified as well as the contribution of each spatial area to the SR priorities.

The spatial analysis would also need to show how the six workstreams relate to the spatial context.

E. Delivery – ‘what does it mean for us’

To draw out for administrative areas - local authorities and National Parks – what the objectives are that are relevant to their area from the SR priorities, the thematic workstreams and spatial dimension.

Clearly this needs to be drawn up with those authorities and hopefully their objectives have been included in the thematic and spatial analysis using an agreed evidence base and therefore reconciliation should not be too problematic.

We need to acknowledge that there will be differing benefits for York and the County area. York has over the last three years undertaken a refocusing of priorities around an evidence base (Future York etc.) whilst the County area needs to enhance its focus. However the work in York has largely been within its boundaries and the benefit for the City of the SRS is setting the context and opportunities for the York sub area and the City's role as a sub regional centre.

Management and Timetable

14. This will be a team effort and we will need to build on the meetings between the Planning officers and the other themes and think about involvement of LSPs when appropriate. This group has discussed the scope of the SRS and will provide the technical leadership and manage workshops to bring people together.

15. There is money in the RIEP to support this work. Some of this money could be used to fund workshops and also to employ support whether through consultants or interim managers. Yorkshire Forward has also offered some staff time to assist and this is being explored with the RDA.

16. The proposed timetable is as follows

Scoping stage

Partnership Executive to consider on 20 May and consider what the LGNYY may need to consider on 2 July

Preparation

- Commission external support after 20 May
- Establish officer arrangements
- Produce working draft by 15 August
- Discussion at Partnership Executive on 1 September
- Consideration of final draft for consultation by LGNYY on 8 October

Consultation period

Consultation and endorsement from constituent bodies in November and December with interim report to Partnership executive on 24 November and report back to LGNYY on 28 January for final approval.

Recommendations

17. The Executive is asked to agree to the approach to the SRS as set out in the report and consider what report back to the LGNYY would be required for 2 July.

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YORK & NORTH YORKSHIRE PARTNERSHIP EXECUTIVE ITEM 5

20th MAY 2010

INDEPENDENT SUSTAINABILITY BOARD

Purpose of the report

- 1.1 This report is to bring to the attention of the Executive of the establishment of this Board and to consider likely issues that may arise.

The Independent Sustainability Board

- 2.1 The terms of reference for the Board are to champion the principles of sustainable development, advise on how regional structures, strategies and priorities can support sustainable economic growth and provide constructive challenge on those issues where appropriate.
- 2.2 Some specific responsibilities will include providing and championing sustainable development integration within the regional strategic decision making process and also to provide advice and expertise for the Integrated Regional Strategy, particularly around the areas of climate change, environment and quality of life.
- 2.3 The sub region's representative on the Board is Councillor Brian Phillips of Hambleton District Council. The Board is chaired by Councillor Arthur Barker.

Key Issues

- 3.1 The Board has wide ranging potential area of influence on what is quite a broad agenda and at its last meeting looked at health sustainability issues and transport. Some of the environmental issues work has now being taken forward by consultants , URSUS, working with the University of York.
- 3.2 The Board is also responsible for the integrated appraisal of the Integrated Regional Strategy and has agreed to a draft scoping report for undertaking that. This appraisal (which has a statutory basis) replaces the previous sustainability appraisals, operates within the context of a number of components which have their own legislative and best practice requirements. These include:

Strategic Environmental Assessment

Habitats Regulation Assessment

Equality and Diversity Impact Assessment

Health Impact Assessment

The Appraisal will also consider the issue the achievement of Sustainable Economic Growth and ensure rural proofing

- 3.3 Clearly, how this appraisal develops will depend upon progress on the regional strategy and what the new Government might decide is its approach to regional strategy. However, consultants (Land-use Consultants) have been appointed to take forward this work. It will also be important for sub regional strategies to also measure up to these standards.

Sub Regional Implications

- 4.1 There is no general thematic group structure for this area work and it is not proposed that one is established. In respect of climate change and

environmental issues we are doing some work to scope what might be main concerns for the sub region and a consultant is looking at this under the RIEP programme. In respect of quality of life issues, the intention is to engage further with the Local Strategic Partnerships to ensure that they also have a clear role here. They also may be able to take up some of the climate change and environmental issues.

- 4.2 In order to achieve a level of co-ordination on this, the Partnership Unit will seek to draw together discussions on climate change and also quality of life issues with the local strategic partnerships. It is also for the moment providing briefing support to Brian Phillips.

The Executive is asked to note the report.

Jonathan French

York & North Yorkshire Partnership Unit

YORK & NORTH YORKSHIRE PARTNERSHIP EXECUTIVE ITEM 6

20th MAY 2010

REGIONAL IMPROVEMENT AND EFFICIENCY PROGRAMME (RIEP)

Purpose of the report

1. This report provides an update of the RIEP economic growth programme for the sub region. This has been reprofiled to address some of the delays in getting this programme started and to reflect the additional resources made available to the sub region. The Executive has approved at previous meetings the structure of the programme.
2. The RIEP programme to facilitate working between the Districts of Harrogate, Selby and Craven and the Leeds City Region and to support the work on innovation, led by Harrogate Borough Council, is now underway.

Background

3. The York and North Yorkshire Partnership RIEP project aims to raise the performance of the sub-regional partnership to ensure that it successfully articulates its contribution to the regional economy, and contributes to the mitigation of the economic downturn and the long term development of the economy. The project started on April 1st 2009 and will be completed by 31st March 2011. The total budget is £296,000.
4. The project objectives are
 - To provide an effective sub regional participation in the development of the regional strategy
 - To develop strong and collaborative partnerships increasing coordination and integration of partner activity
 - Improve collaboration and cross border working developing a shared understanding of issues
 - To provide capacity to develop economic assessments for functional economic areas, to be used in the preparation of economic strategies
 - To develop a series of interventions to address the development of the economy in the short, medium and long term
5. The project will achieve
 - Increased provision of economic expertise with the ability to generate new initiatives and ideas
 - Increased collaboration in a complex multi agency and spatial environment
 - A well evidenced response to the current economic difficulties
 - A stronger integration with regional and national agencies especially around the issues of skills, employment, business support and culture and tourism
 - The capacity to deliver a realistic strategy for economic growth and achieve sustainable development objectives in both the sub region and the region as a whole

Progress to date

6. Work on preparing the economic assessments has been progressing well and the Volcom and private sectors have been commissioned to undertake work to enhance their contribution to IRS and strategic economic development.

7. However, there have been some delays in implementing other RIEP work related to the IRS. We were unsure about getting value for money on IRS work until regional evidence was in place and, in particular, we wished to ensure that effective spatial planning mechanisms were operating before commissioning strategy and planning work. A review of project activity, timescales and spend has been completed and the project has recently been re-profiled. From the total budget of £296K, £61K has been spent to date leaving a balance of £235K for ongoing and future activity.
8. The table in the appendix sets out the current programme.
9. There has been some re configuration especially for the York sub area to reflect the extra money being used to look at the spatial strategy for the York sub area. This has enabled a support to be given to testing whether it would be possible to establish an HE 'think tank' that can take up research into the sub region using HE resources and to work further with Centre for Cities to draw out some of the ideas and initiatives to take forward in York and its hinterland.
10. There are some resources yet to allocate. This includes £10000 for the rural partnership and this is being looked at. There is also some money for spatial planning (£15,000) which might be used to further support the sub regional strategy dependent on whether further spatial studies are required or not.

11. The Executive is asked to note this report

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Appendix

Strategy Liaison		Budget £K	£K spent 2009/10
Co-ordination of input to IRS	Freelance researchers and management of REIP programme (YNYPU)	18.5	3
Rural Partnership IRS support	Work to be commissioned	10	
Work on climate change, environmental resources, quality of life and equalities	Consultants currently scoping climate change issues	5	
Sub-regional strategy			
Development of sub-regional integrated strategy	Consultants supporting preparation of sub-regional strategy (to be appointed)	20	
Supporting Spatial Planning			
Assisting spatial planning assessments	York sub-area spatial study consultants (out to tender)	35	
	Support for regional River Study	5	
	Spatial review by Hull University specialists (under way)	5	
	To be allocated	15	
Joint working on York Sub-area			
Scoping key issues	Development of Centre for Cities role (proposed work)	10	
HE "think tank"	Higher York to develop HE research base for sub-regional issues	15	
Policy and research			
Economic assessments	Researchers (YNYPU)	70	39
	Additional specialist advice	8.2	
	Enhancing the National Business Survey sample (joint work with LCR)	6.8	
Data co-ordination			
Linking local data with IRS	Researchers (July - September)	15	
Private Sector IRS engagement	LY&NY Chamber of Commerce (work commissioned)	25	5
VCS IRS engagement	NYFVO (work commissioned)	25	12.5
Office expenses		7.5	1.5
Total		296	61

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European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)

1. Purpose of the report

- 1.1 This report follows through from the comprehensive review of ERDF activity considered by the Partnership Executive in November 2009. Since that time it has become more and more clear that there are some serious difficulties in implementing the ERDF programme regionally.
- 1.2 This report sets out the current position on the regions approach to these issues, what discussions have been held within the sub region and what might be the likely outcome of a process of amending the operational programme.

2. Implementing the programme

- 2.1 Regionally the programme did achieve its target of spending in 2009 but may find this difficult to achieve that in 2010 and in future years this is likely to get more difficult. The main issue is that the effect of the economic downturn has reduced the amount of potential private sector investment which would assist drawing down the ERDF money and the effect on the deficit will also reduce the amount of public sector match to support the ERDF programme. There is evidence of this happening already.
- 2.2 A series of actions are being undertaken regionally to address this including improving processes and a more vigorous approach to utilising existing public sector match. However much of that match is already contracted or allocated to areas not eligible for ERDF funding
- 2.3 There is also a process of exploring with the Commission amendments to the ERDF Regional Operational Programme and broadening criteria to take account of these changing circumstances. This is a longer term objective that is now under active discussion. It is intended that the Programme Monitoring Committee (PMC) consider in June a formal proposal to amend and develop the operational programme which would need the agreement of the European Commission.

Actions in York and North Yorkshire.

- 3.1 The report to the Executive in November indicated 4 areas for possible actions to address these issues which the sub region could either work on itself or pursue at regional level. These were:
 - Minimal thresholds for projects to £250,000
 - Securing ERDF for the current sub regional project pipeline
 - Securing additional match
 - Broadening criteria

Minimum Thresholds

- 3.2 Whilst there hasn't been a formal dilution from the situation of minimum thresholds for projects for priorities 1 and 2 (i.e. innovation and enterprise) of £1 million and £500,000 pounds in priority 3 (i.e. support for deprived areas), there has been greater flexibility on a case by case basis, but that there is an unwillingness for logistical reasons to allow this widely. In North Yorkshire we find it difficult to get the projects of the size to meet these threshold requirements. At the moment this is not a block

to any proposals although it may be inhibiting to the development of ideas.

Securing ERDF for the current sub regional project pipeline

3.3 The following table sets out the sub regional proposals being discussed. There are no applications in the system from this sub region.

Project	ERDF £m	Status
University of York - Plasma Centre	2.5	Formal enquiry
Scarborough Catalyst (Hull Uni campus)	3	Formal enquiry
Scarborough Enterprise Match	0.25	Formal enquiry
Leeming Bar Electricity Infrastructure	1.35	Early stage enquiry
Heart of Malton	1	Early stage enquiry
Total	8.1	
Whitby Business Park		Potential projects
NYNET		Potential projects
Coast & Moors VA "The Street"		Potential projects
Craven College		Potential projects
MOD		Potential projects
Northallerton Electricity Infrastructure		Potential projects
Scarborough Innovation Centre		Potential projects
Illuminating Yorkshire (S'boro)		Potential projects

There are real difficulties in finding the projects (even if match money is prioritised towards the ERDF) as this requires making projects ERDF eligible which can be difficult. In respect to finding match the reality is that the amount of money available is diminishing continuously.

Securing Additional Match

3.4 One of the issues raised was the relatively small amount of Geographic Programme funding in York & North Yorkshire which is supporting projects which would be eligible for ERDF. It was felt that Yorkshire Forward should do more to make sure the regional projects used ERDF to a much greater extent; and there has been some progress particularly around developing proposals for additional business support interventions and these have been discussed with local partners. However the general reduction in resources has started to over take this action.

Broadening Criteria

3.5 As part of the process of building a case for discussions with the Commission Yorkshire Forward have held discussions with local partners on what should be proposed. The main areas identified for having potential for future activity in York and North Yorkshire were

- *Wider business sector coverage going beyond the current growth sectors in the programme. Esp. on tourism*
- *Economic / Environmental adaptation – including flooding alleviation or remediation.*
- *Intervention to simulate enterprise – particularly amongst young people*
- *Enhancements to broadband activity.*
- *Additional support for business start-ups. (including space for micro-businesses)*
- *A new priority around low carbon infrastructure.*
- *Support for Renewables.*

- *Support for the expansion of the deprived areas which would qualify for ERDF support.*
- *Support for Transport.*
- *Support for Renaissance and Cultural projects*

3.6 Some early discussion have been held with the Commission and they have indicated that they might consider tourism as a business sector but will continue not to support infrastructure which includes visitor attractions, broadband and developing new employment areas. Yorkshire Forward is also proposing a new priority around the low carbon economy and adaptation to climate change (using around 10% of the programme's resources i.e. £60 million) which may provide some support for site development in respect of flood management and addressing site contamination. The Commission seem to be willing to consider this

3.7 It is clear that within the region's authority there is potential to provide more flexibility within the wording of the current programme to allow more diverse occupancy of workshop schemes (i.e. less emphasis on the target sectors) and to broaden the definition of deprived areas to bring in other areas in the sub region other than Scarborough.

Conclusions

4.1 Work will continue to try to ensure that York and North Yorkshire interests are reflected in any discussions with the European Commission on modifications to the operational programme and in pursuing flexibility in the existing programme. However some of our key objectives on infrastructure including for visitor attractions will not be achieved.

The Executive is asked to note the report.

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NORTH YORKSHIRE STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP – Issues and update

Purpose of the report

1. To provide this Executive, in its role as the Economic Thematic Partnership for the North Yorkshire Strategic Partnership (NYSP), a report on the key messages from the NYSP Executive. The NYSP Executive agreed at the last Executive meeting that this should become a standing item at future Thematic Partnership meetings.
2. To provide a progress report on each of the Local Area Agreement economy and enterprise indicators, highlighting any areas of concern or critical issues.
3. To begin to set out an initial response on behalf of the Economic Thematic Partnership to the review of the North Yorkshire Sustainable Community Strategy, in particular on the revision of priorities.

North Yorkshire Strategic Partnership (NYSP) Key Messages

4. The NYSP Executive at its meeting of 15th April agreed that “Each Thematic Partnership will take as standing item at their meetings an update on key NYSP issues (such as the Key Messages)”. This is to provide better integration across the NYSP Thematic Partnership and between the Executive and the Thematic Partnerships. To fulfil this role for this Thematic Partnership a copy of the ‘Key Messages’ is attached as appendix 1 to this report. For the purposes of this Partnership it is worth highlighting a couple of these messages:-
 - The refresh of the Sustainable Community Strategy and Local Area Agreement set out in the forth paragraph and addressed further within this report;
 - General changes to the NYSP set out in the tenth paragraph, hence this report; and
 - The agreement that there will again be a workshop led by each of the Thematic Partnership at the annual NYSP Conference in October, this is likely to be around the refresh of the Sustainable Community Strategy.
5. This will become a standing item at future meetings of this Partnership Executive.

Progress on Local Area Agreement indicators

6. The current Local Area Agreement, which was agreed in 2008, operates to 2011 and was recently updated in March 2010. This report sets out the current progress being made against the economy and enterprise indicators up to the end 2010 (year 2).
7. **NI152 - Working age people on out of work benefits (designated indicator)**
For North Yorkshire this Indicator aims to reduce the proportion of working age people in Scarborough Borough on out of work benefits. However due to the economic downturn this has been revised and now measures the ratio between the work related benefit rate for Scarborough and that of the Region. Therefore, the target for this indicator is now that the percentage of the working age population in Scarborough claiming out of work benefits should be within 1.4 percentage points of the Yorkshire and Humber average.

Progress

Data has now been released for August of 2009. The rolled 4 quarter average indicates that 14.8 per cent of the working age population in Scarborough are now claiming out of work benefits, an increase of 0.4 percentage points on the previous rolled 4 quarter average, though this is largely due to increases in the number of people claiming JSA in February 09. The regional average for this quarter is 13.8 per cent, a difference of 1.0 percentage points, therefore the target is currently being met. It should however be noted that more recently released data for the JSA Claimant Count shows that by February 2010 the claimant count rate had increased to 5.6% which will have a negative impact on future data for this indicator. This remains a challenging target during the current economic situation and although it is heading in the right direction, delivery of the action plan for this indicator will continue to be a priority.

8. NI 164: working age population qualified to level 3+ (designated indicator)

This indicator aims to increase the proportion of the working population qualified to level 3 or above to 57.1 per cent by 2011

Progress

The latest data for this indicator is for 2008, the North Yorkshire figure is 53.2 per cent this compares to 51.1% in 2007 and 48.7% in 2006. Further data relating to the LAA2 period will not be available until Aug 2010. In the absence of any recent data, it is difficult to make any true assessment of progress at this stage, although to reach the target of 57.1 per cent by 2011 will be challenging.

9. New businesses - N171

Initially no target was set for this indicator however within the March 2010 LAA refresh a target was agreed as follows. To achieve a rate of 58.1 new business registrations per 10,000 working age population in 2010/11. The aim being to return to the average levels pre-economic downturn.

Progress

The latest data is for 2008. This shows that the business registration rate for North Yorkshire in 2008 was 52.5 businesses per 10,000 population, which is 4.2 above the target set for 2008/09. This indicator is therefore currently on target.

10. There are also three local indicators, namely to:

- **Grow the Creative Industries sector** (to increase the number of businesses in the Creative Industries sector by 2010/11) - Local Indicator 36

There is still no definitive way of measuring the performance of this indicator but further analysis of the sector is currently being carried out through the Economic assessment and the Cultural Partnership.

- **Increase the value of tourism earnings** - Local Indicator 37

New data released by Welcome to Yorkshire shows that the value of tourism in the North Yorkshire economy to have been £1,577 million in 2008. Substantial changes to the methodology used to calculate this value means that it is not comparable to earlier estimates. It is proposed therefore that this value for 2008 is used as the baseline. This results in an amended target of £1,655 million by 2010/11.

- **Increase the proportion of the working population qualified to at least level 2 or higher** – Local Indicator 73.

The latest data for this indicator is for 2008, the North Yorkshire figure is 73.4% against a target of by 2011 of 81.1%. Although this indicator is moving in the right direction it is still somewhat short of the target, this will need to be looked at and action further.

North Yorkshire Sustainable Community Strategy Refresh

11. The current North Yorkshire Sustainable Community Strategy is being refreshed. As part of this process each Thematic Partnership has been asked to revisit its priorities to assess the current relevance and if necessary to set out new priorities for the refreshed Strategy. The current economic priorities were set out within the 2007 Sub Regional Investment Plan and are as follows: -

- Exploiting knowledge and Innovation
- Stimulating and supporting enterprise and an enterprising culture
- Developing a contemporary, high quality cultural and environmental offer
- Attracting and developing knowledgeable and creative people
- Ensuring a connected sub-region

12. The assessment of these priorities and also the establishment of any revised or new priorities form part of the outcome of the Economic Assessment and the proposal to draw up a Sub Regional Strategy (SRS). As the economic assessment is currently being produced it would be premature at this stage to set out any new priorities for the SCS and new LAA for 2011. There are some timetabling issues between the SRS and SCS but wherever possible they will need to interrelate.

13. In fulfilling this role and feeding into the SCS process it is therefore proposed that the economic development component of the Sub Regional Strategy, referred to in agenda item 5, forms the basis of any new SCS or LAA priorities. This will be presented to the Executive in September.

Recommendation

To receive this report as an update on the work of the NYSP, progress on the North Yorkshire LAA, and to agree the process set out in Paragraph 13 regarding the Sustainable Community Strategy and new LAA.

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Appendix 1 North Yorkshire Strategic Partnership Executive – Key Messages



North Yorkshire Strategic Partnership – Executive Key Messages from the meeting on 15 April 2010

The **NYSP Executive** met on 15 April 2010 at County Hall, Northallerton.

An update was given by the Audit Commission about the forthcoming process for this year's round of the **Comprehensive Area Assessment**. The Commission is keen to look at the military and civil integration project, progress on digital inclusion and also the developing story around gypsies and travellers in North Yorkshire. A couple of inspections will be taking place in coming months regarding partners' work on flood risk and also on how councils are taking forward the Total Place agenda and achieving value for money. In the meantime, work continues with partners on the **CAA self-evaluation** process and the action plan developed following this work will continue to be monitored.

Thematic Partnerships will shortly be developing action plans on how their allocation of **Performance Reward Grant** could be spent. It was agreed that Thematic Partnerships need to consider ideas and action plans jointly and focus on directing the grant towards achieving outcomes on more difficult, cross-cutting issues. To this end, Thematic Partnership Chairs will meet in the next few months to review what is emerging from their action plans and consider a way forward. Final proposals will come to the NYSP Executive in October 2010.

Members agreed it would be useful to share their individual organisation's plans about projected **financial savings** when they are available in the coming months. This is with a view to ensuring that in making savings, burdens are not passed on to other partners and that opportunities can also be identified. Gary Fielding (NYCC) will be progressing this with NYSP Executive members.

A progress report and proposals were considered regarding the refresh of the **Sustainable Community Strategy** (SCS) and **Local Area Agreement** (LAA). There was general agreement that the priorities should be reduced and that perhaps the Thematic Partnerships could be the focus of the core themes, with cross-cutting issues highlighted within each of these. It was also felt that the priorities need to reflect issues which are critical to North Yorkshire. A draft of the Strategy will come to the 24th June meeting. In terms of LAA development, Thematic Partnerships will shortly be asked to record the indicators they have selected and their confirmed baselines/targets.

Climate change will remain the responsibility of the Stronger/Rural Partnership and will continue to be discussed regularly at NYSP Exec level. Revised **Terms of Reference** (ToR) for the **Stronger/Rural Partnership** were also agreed. These reflected some changes to the work of the Partnership which will enable it to focus on key priorities surrounding rural issues and some of the 'stronger community' issues such as Access and Transport. The full paper and ToR are available at www.nysp.org.uk/executive.

Assistant Chief Constable Tim Madgwick presented an update on **Public Confidence** and the Home Office target against which the Police and local councils will jointly be measured. It was agreed that partners need to work together to jointly market their efforts to make communities safer to help raise public perceptions. A Joint Co-ordinating Group on Confidence has now been set up under the Safer Communities Forum, which will include representatives from a range of NYSP organisations.

Further to a progress update from the **Thriving Third Sector Steering Group**, it was agreed that the group's membership will be reviewed and that each partner organisation on the

Executive will be contacted for their views on the 'asks' put forward by the group. These included adopting multi-year funding arrangements and adopting Compact-compliant commissioning and procurement practices.

Work has progressed on developing the pilot **Armed Forces Community Welfare Pathway** in North Yorkshire. Neil Irving (NYCC) will be following up with those NYSP partner organisations who have yet to identify 'armed forces community champions'.

A report was taken on '**A Good Place to Grow Older – A National Commitment**'. The National Commitment is a product of government departments, national agencies and organisations working together to agree a shared vision to support all our communities to become good place to grow older. Partners endorsed the guiding principles and the Adults Strategic Partnership has agreed to take the lead in developing the North Yorkshire response and will report back later in 2010.

Members were updated on progress concerning **changes to the NYSP** following the abolition of the NYSP Partnership in January 2010. Key changes to date have included extending alternate meetings of Local Government North Yorkshire and York to include the Chairs and Chief Executives of the PCT, the Police Authority and the Fire and Rescue Authorities. These meetings will discuss NYSP business and other cross-cutting partnership issues. Members also agreed several additional proposals to ensure that communications and engagement links are strengthened. For example, district council Chief Executives will now take on a dual representative role at the NYSP Executive for both their council and their LSP. A full update will shortly be circulated to all former Partnership members on the agreed proposals.

Thematic Partnership Chairs agreed to lead on workshops at the **NYSP conference** on 14th October 2010, as part of the consultation on the refresh of the Sustainable Community Strategy. Suggestions were provided for a keynote speaker from within a journalistic arena. Members also agreed to adopt an advance ticketing approach to managing numbers at this year's event.

Update reports were also noted on domestic abuse, LAA Quarter 3 performance monitoring and LAA Quarter 3 financial monitoring.

Dates for the Diary:

NYSP Executive meetings:

- Thursday 24th June 2010, 2:30pm, Conyngham Hall, Knaresborough.
- Thursday 7th October 2010, 2:30pm, County Hall, Northallerton.

For further information about any aspect of these key messages and the work of the NYSP please contact diane.parsons@northyorks.gov.uk The papers for the meeting are available on the NYSP website www.nysp.org.uk/executive

YORK & NORTH YORKSHIRE PARTNERSHIP EXECUTIVE ITEM 11

20th MAY 2010

Economy and Skills Board

Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 This report covers the discussions at the last meeting of the Economy & Skills Board and discusses the Agenda for the meeting programmed for the 17th June 2010. Attendance at the last meeting was poor and the report discusses whether the meeting in June might be cancelled. There would be a more substantive agenda available for the Board meeting in September.

The Board Meeting on the 18th March 2010

- 2.1 The Board received a presentation from Thea Stein which discussed the same issues that were raised by Jan Anderson at the Partnership Executive in February. They then received information on progress on the Economic Assessment and particularly discussed the need for developing more support for Enterprise. Anj Handa of the Leeds, York and North Yorkshire Chamber of Commerce gave an update on the project supported by RIEP on private sector engagement. Finally they considered the Partnership Executive discussions on Renaissance Market Towns and discussed tourism delivery.
- 2.2 There was a poor attendance at this meeting in that only 8 of the representatives out of 17 were there. Four out of the 9 Local Authorities were represented.
- 2.3 The next Board meeting is on June 17th 2010 and provisionally we have invited Don Stewart of 'Welcome to Yorkshire' to give a briefing on tourism activity.
- 2.4 The other items on the Agenda might reflect that on this Partnership Executive Agenda. This would not include the sub-regional strategy which is more the responsibility of LGNY at this point. Updates on the situation in respect of the Economic Assessment and ERDF might be given but there would be little substantive to say. A further concern is that it is not expected that we will get any clarity on emerging regional and sub-regional arrangements from the new government and on the future of RDA's for the Board to have a meaningful discussion on those issues.
- 2.5 The meeting in September could be much more substantial in that there will be greater clarity on potential future sub regional arrangements and the means by which Government intends to support and develop local economic development. We would have completed the Economic Assessment and the Board would be asked to formally adopt it. We could also have a discussion on the Economic Strategy components of the Sub-Regional Strategy. This would be discussed at the Partnership Executive's meeting prior to the Board's meeting on the 1st September 2010.

Recommendations

- 3.1 The Executive is asked to consider whether the June meeting should be postponed and to recommend this to the Chairman, John Watson.**

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