



The Partnership Unit Bulletin – is a regular briefing for partners working in the fields of economic development, community development, research, community safety and learning and skills in York and North Yorkshire.

The York & North Yorkshire Partnership Executive & Development Board

The Executive met on 29 May and considered a proposal from Yorkshire Forward for implementing its new approach to investment plan through Geographic Programmes through a single County programme along with one for York. This might include a mini – programme for major areas such as Urban renaissance using existing procedures. It also considered proposals to reinvigorate the cultural partnership and progress in respect of Skills and business support partnerships. It also considered a response to the consultation on the Sub National Review. These issues will be considered by the Board on 18 June.

EU funding - ERDF

The Transitional programme proposals submitted before March continue to make progress with the Leeming Bar food incubator and Northallerton units now at the pre-contract stage. This project will be the first to receive formal ERDF support in the region. Endorsement has been given to the University of York expansion project and the additional activity by Science City York to proceed to the full business plan stage, the stage that also applies to the Scarborough Skills match project. The additional activity by Science City York includes proposals for the food sector and environmental industries.

EU funding - ESF

The LSC and Jobcentre plus are now proceeding to final stages of the first round of tender specifications and are agreeing detailed contracts. Two LSC specifications for North Yorkshire –Skills for Jobs and Young offenders- are being re let and the submission date was last week. The LSC is also seeking tenders regionally for a Community Grant scheme (previously global grants) giving grants of up to £12,000 to small organisations for skills and capacity building. The Partnership Unit is also applying through NYCC for ESF technical assistance to support its work on helping to implement the programme and to give similar support to the York and North Yorkshire Learning Partnerships.

Skills for Jobs North Yorkshire

Partners across York & North Yorkshire have come together to submit a partnership proposal in response to the LSC ESF Co-finance Skills for Jobs Fund Manager Specification. Co-ordinated by the

North Yorkshire Learning Partnership, the North Yorkshire Skills for Jobs Partnership consists of: North Yorkshire County Council, York City Council; Scarborough Borough Council; Working Links;

Craven College; Guidance Services; Groundwork NY; Future Prospects; ACVO; Providers in Partnership & the City of York Lifelong Learning Partnership. In addition to those directly involved in writing the proposal, both York St John University & Hull University have indicated interest in being involved at a strategic level.

North Yorkshire County Council will act as lead partner & Fund Holder with the full support of all named partners.

Enterprise and Scarborough

Scarborough has been named the most enterprising place in the region for entry to the Government's Enterprising Britain competition. Enterprising Britain 2008 is a nationwide competition run by Make Your Mark on behalf of the Department for Business Enterprise and Regulatory Reform (BERR), in partnership with Yorkshire Forward. The competition celebrates and rewards the most enterprising areas in the UK. With the regional heat won, Scarborough is now moving forward into the national competition.

During June and July Scarborough will be visited by members of a national judging panel with the winner announced in September. The Enterprising Britain 2008 winner will go on to represent the UK at the European Enterprise Awards later in the year.

Business Support Partnership

The new Business support partnership for the sub region has also met in May. This meeting has been facilitated by the Partnership Unit to provide a forum to discuss business support issues. Initially it has been decided to develop work around enterprise in disadvantaged communities, business support through incubators, enterprise and education and support for tourism. A regional Business support Partnership has been called together by Yorkshire Forward to address the Business Simplification agenda. It will also act as mechanism to relate to sub regional partnerships.

Skills Task and Finish group

This group was set up after the March meeting of the Partnership Executive and met for the first time in May. Its purpose is to seek to improve the connectivity of skills and economic development within the context of the institutional changes to the delivery of Skills.

David Andrews

Chief Executive of the Yorkshire Tourist Board (YTB) David Andrews (a member of the Partnership Executive) announced on 23 May 2008 that he is to leave after ten years as Chief Executive to set up his own training and consultancy business. David joined the Tourist Board in 1992 as Development Manager, was promoted to head up the Marketing Department before becoming the youngest CEO of a Regional Tourist Board in 1998 aged 35.

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Research Analysts

The Partnership Unit will shortly be looking to recruit two new Research Analysts. The two posts will work across the York and North Yorkshire Sub Region and also across the Leeds City Region. They will support the research partnerships within these areas, produce the full Progress Reports and provide a joint resource for data, intelligence and research across the North Yorkshire and the Leeds City Region.

This joint initiative between the York and North Yorkshire Partnership Unit, Leeds City Region Secretariat and Yorkshire Futures, provides an exciting new opportunity for joint working between the two areas and will build a better understanding of their socio-economic issues.

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Progress in York & North Yorkshire 2008

A 'light touch' review - Progress in York and North Yorkshire 2008 is now available. As well considering performance for the sub region, for the first time it also features findings on those districts of York and North Yorkshire which are within the Leeds City Region and also makes comparisons in relation to the non-Leeds City region districts.

Overall, the sub region is performing very well. 37 of the indicators can be measured at sub regional level where a baseline is available and a trend can be considered. Of these 24 made good progress / are improving, 10 are moving in the wrong direction and the remaining 3 either made little or no progress. The sub region often also compares favourably to the region.

The report is available at <http://www.ynypu.org.uk/Research/PIYNY.stm>

A small number of hard copies are also available.

There is also a seminar to launch the report on 1st July 2008 at Bar Convent in York - details are available from: <http://www.ynypu.org.uk/Research/Seminars.stm>