



York and North Yorkshire
Data and Intelligence Partnership

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10.00am
LSC Offices, York

Present

Andrew Leeming (Chair) - York and North Yorkshire Partnership Unit
Jenny Birkinshaw - York and North Yorkshire Partnership Unit
Antonia Mackerell - York and North Yorkshire Partnership Unit
Colin Bainbridge – North Yorkshire County Council
David Tinsley - Job Centre Plus
Keith Tyrrell – ONS
Maria Ala-Kaupilla - Yorkshire Futures
Carol Finlayson - Yorkshire Tourist Board
Neil Campbell – Skills Strategy Research
Joanne Wapshott LSC
Laura Davis - LSC

Apologies

Laura Oldridge, Selby DC
Alan Graver, Sky Blue
Andrew Foster, Selby College
Emily MacDowell, Harrogate
Claire Scott, Yorkshire Forward
Colin Mellors, University of York
Claire Newhouse, Higher York
Moya Turrell, Yorkshire Dales
Nicola Burton, Richmondshire

1. Welcome, Minutes from Last Meeting and Matters Arising

1.1 Minutes from the previous meeting were agreed with no matters arising.

2. Evidence and Research Requirements for the Sub-Regional Economic Assessments and iRS

2.1 The Partnership Unit presented a scoping report for initial Economic Assessments, written by the Partnership Unit and the project plan for the Integrated Regional Strategy (iRS), produced by LGYH and Yorkshire Forward.

2.2 It is important to make the distinction between the work being undertaken now on an initial economic assessment for the sub-region and the statutory economic assessments due to be completed in 2010. The initial sub-regional assessment will feed into the evidence base being used for the iRS and is due to be completed by March 2010.

2.3 Draft guidance on completing the assessments has been issued by the Improvement and Development Agency (IDeA) and the Planning Advisory Service (PAS). **YNYPU to circulate link to guidance.**

Post meeting Note – this link has now been sent.

- 2.4** One of the key themes to emerge from the guidance is the necessity to understand the spatial dimension of local economies, i.e. functional economic areas. The Partnership Unit has therefore undertaken work on defining Labour Market Areas (LMAs) and establishing key information about them i.e. demography, employment structures, travel to work patterns etc. The LMA profiles are being produced in consultation with Local Authorities. LMA profiles can be sent to members of YNYDIP on request.
- 2.5** It was asked if this kind of work was taking place across the region. It was confirmed that most work was being undertaken at functional sub-regional level (FSR).
- 2.6** It was acknowledged that some of the data contained in the profiles is not the most up to date available. Work on the profiles is however an iterative process and the data will be updated. The age of some of the data was also raised as a concern and it was queried whether trends should be looked at instead. The Partnership Unit acknowledges the difficulties in using older data, particularly with that from the 2001 Census but is using it as a guide. The profiles will be issued to EDOs at the Local Authorities to add supporting local knowledge and information.
- 2.7** It was acknowledged that work on the EAs and iRS would also be linked to the future role and membership of the group.

3 YNYDIP Membership and Future Role of the Group

- 3.1** It was agreed at the last meeting that a task and finish group would be held to discuss the future role of YNYDIP and its membership. Subsequent to the meeting it was decided to discuss the issue with the whole group at this meeting.
- 3.2** The group was initially focussed on producing Progress in York and North Yorkshire and to share research findings and information. More recently other such groups and local information systems have been established for similar purposes and attendance at YNYDIP has fallen. It was proposed that YNYDIP should be refreshed and the group were asked for comments and opinions.
- 3.3** The overlap with Leeds City Region is an issue for those Authorities that fall within both the sub and city regions.
- 3.4** It was proposed that the meetings should cease in their current format, to be replaced by seminars where research and information is disseminated, for example on the results of an MOD study into the economic influence of MOD sites in North Yorkshire. There would be an open invite to the research network and any other interested parties. Seminars would be held as necessary. If necessary, a smaller 'management' group will be held to deal with administrative issues etc.
- 3.5** Yorkshire Futures require that the flow of information continues, but otherwise there should be no contractual issues with the proposals.
- 3.6** It was agreed to refresh and extend the research network and to hold research seminars in place of the quarterly YNYDIP meetings.

4 Key Research Activity Round Table

- 4.1** The Partnership Unit is working on collecting evidence for the EA and Progress.
- 4.2** In April 2010 the LSC will become the Skills Funding Agency (SFA) which will be responsible for post 19 provision and the Young Peoples Learning Agency (YPLA)

responsible for 14-19 provision. At this time it is not known where research and data will sit within the SFA, or what role they will take within YNYDIP. In terms of 14-19 provision, data packs have been issued to the directors of children's services within local authorities and they are undertaking a Regional Strategic Analysis. In terms of the post 19 provision, evaluations of the train to gain enhancement fund and ESF work are being undertaken.

- 4.3 Neil Campbell from Skills Strategy Research is involved in the ESF evaluations for the LSC, a report of which is due at Christmas.
- 4.4 Welcome to Yorkshire are currently developing a new economic model, due in November, which is more detailed and will look at GVA and the value of tourism.
- 4.5 Yorkshire Futures have commissioned research into the ageing population which is due in January 2010. The tender process is beginning for a piece of work looking at flood resilience and are looking to commission a piece on high level skills, i.e. those with NVQ 4 and above. Tourism is the next focus of the Citizens Panel. Work is ongoing to include city and sub region data into Progress in the Region Live. Claire Johnson has been appointed as the new director of Yorkshire Futures and will start in November. Catherine Brooks is the new research executive.
- 4.6 ONS are looking at negative financial outcomes, i.e. repossessions, debt etc and expect to release the results in early 2010.
- 4.7 The interactive mapping tool for NYCC's neighbourhood profiles is now live on their website. The tool contains approximately 50 indicators which they are hoping to expand on. Please send any feedback to colin.bainbridge@northyorks.gov.uk.

5 **Any Other Business**

- 5.1 No other business was recorded.

6 **Date & Venue of Next Meeting**

- 6.1 Due to the refresh of the Partnership there will be no future meetings in this format. Details of the first seminar will be circulated to the research network in due course.