



data & intelligence partnership

York and North Yorkshire
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13th March 2009

10.00am

Conyngnam Hall, Knaresborough

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
Emily McDowell -Harrogate Borough Council
Joanne Wapshott- Learning and Skills Council
Steve Peters – Selby District Council
Carol Finlayson - Yorkshire Tourist Board

Apologies

Phil Hancock (Ryedale DC)
Laura Oldridge (Selby DC)
David Tinsley (Job Centre Plus)
Amanda Crossfield (Yorkshire Futures)
Chantal Lawson (Yorkshire Tourist Board)
Alan Graver (Sky Blue)
Andrew Foster (Selby College)
Colin Mellors (York University)
Malcolm Spittle (NYCC)
Sarah Housden (NYMNPA)
Laura Davis (LSC)
Martin Wynn (LSC)
Tim Ashelford (Rural Observatory)
Moya Turrell (NYMNPA)
Bea Jefferson (Yorkshire Futures)

1. Welcome, Minutes from Last Meeting and Matters Arising

The minutes from the last meeting were agreed. There were no matters arising.

Andrew introduced Antonia and Jenny, the new researchers based in the Partnership Unit and explained joint working with Leeds City Region.

2. Progress in York and North Yorkshire– Andrew Leeming

Andrew presented an overview of the key points of the Progress in York and North Yorkshire report (March 2009) which are as follows:

- The sub-regional and City Region reports will be launched with the regional report on Friday 20th March (details to follow).
- The report measures 3 headline Indicators and 35 High Level Indicators following the format of Progress in the Region. Supporting information is included where appropriate.
- The document will be dated by date of publication (March 2009) to avoid confusion with the light touch review which was produced last year and titled "Progress in York and North Yorkshire 2008". Yorkshire Futures will however refer to its current report as "Progress in the Region 2008"
- Where possible the report includes annual data, going back to 1998 and comparisons are made with the regional and national positions
- Any final comments from YNYDIP members need to be received by Monday (16th March)
- The document will be placed on the YNYPUP website and a link circulated. Copies will be available on request.

The presentation focused on the key findings of the report using the 3 Headline Indicators and 35 High Level Indicators. Comments were invited at any point throughout the presentation, and are summarised below:

Emily asked if it was possible to compare this progress report with previous reports. Unfortunately direct comparisons can not be made due to a change in the indicator sets used.

The data on the claimant count prompted discussion around when members thought an impact of the economic downturn could be felt in the sub-region. There was agreement that this was around autumn 2008 and that this appeared to be reflected in claimant count data.

In-spite of high performance in the sub-region for qualifications and skills levels it was noted that there are still issues, particularly with regard to keeping qualified young people in the region.

It was noted that job related training as reported by ONS is decreasing, while the National Employer Skills Survey suggests that this is increasing in the region. Discussion followed on some of the initiatives that are in place such as train to gain and the potential impact of these.

Carol asked whether any information on tourism would be included in the report. This is not easily available at a sub-regional level and will therefore not be included in this report. There is however information on tourism in Yorkshire and the Humber in the regional report.

3. Confirmation of Progress in the Region launch event details (20th March at the Royal Armouries)

The Progress in the Region launch event will take place on Friday 20th March at the Royal Armouries in Leeds. Contact Yorkshire Forward events team for details.

4. Key Research activity update

Yorkshire Tourist Board

At tendering stage of developing a new economic model for tourism. Regional business survey will feed into the new model to produce data quarterly.

Regional Visitor survey-results from December are on the website. The field work for current run is underway, the results of which will be available in June 09. The survey (which was initiated last year) is broken down by ATP.

Research into Business tourism has also been commissioned.

LSC

Yorkshire and the Humber regional strategic analysis is on the website

Evaluations of the ESF and Working Together programmes have been completed and are also on the website.

In North Yorkshire the evaluation of the sub-regional action plan has been completed.

Starting a longitudinal study to evaluate new ESF funded programmes.

Working on a report on equality and diversity i.e. gender, ethnicity and disabilities which will be available in June.

Selby DC

Work is underway to complete the core strategy evidence base. Selby are also undertaking an assessment of the housing market.

YNYP

The Partnership Unit is starting to prepare for Economic Assessments which County Councils and unitary authorities will be required to undertake in 2010. Currently identifying issues such as self-employment, rural issues etc to look at in the assessment.

The Partnership will also undertake a review of YNYDIP, looking at its membership and the sharing of research by partners in particular. It is hoped that more workshops/seminars can be arranged to discuss key research areas.

The unit is currently preparing a set of economic indicators to measure the impact of the downturn. It will be produced on a monthly basis and circulated through the network/put on the website.

5. AOB

No other business was raised.

6. Date and Venue of Next Meeting

Andrew stated that the next meeting would take place in June/July followed by a meeting in Sept. Meetings for the next year would be set out shortly, with a programme of topic areas.

One of the key topics for discussion at the next meeting will be the role of the Partnership within the Economic Assessment.