

**North Yorkshire County Council**  
**Corporate and Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee**  
**1 July 2013**

**Executive Member`s Progress Report**

**1. Purpose of Report**

The purpose of such a report is to:

- (a) highlight some of the recent issues considered by the Executive [since the last meeting of this committee]
- (b) identify some of the key issues and priorities for the coming months

Questions, comments and views are invited from Members of the Corporate Affairs O&S Committee on the content of this report, or any other issue, and the Exec Member will be pleased to respond and note.

**2. Recent Issues**

- Previous Committees, in considering the work of the Executive, have focused on the One Council programme, Procurement, and the provision of Superfast Broadband. They remain live issues, except that One Council moves from being a workstream based programme to being a whole council way of working to deliver savings and improvements..

**3. Items contained in the Forward Plan**

- 18<sup>th</sup> June Executive – Q4 out-turn – this is the last time that performance is managed in the previous style.
- 9<sup>th</sup> July Executive – annual report on partnership governance. Audit Committee is focused on governance issues. There is a need to focus on value added, and cost.
- 9<sup>th</sup> July Executive – One Council progress report

**4. Future Issues (not an exhaustive list, but these are the main items in my opinion that will certainly occupy my time)**

- A new style of performance management, with more emphasis on trend analysis, exception reporting, planned interventions and the success of previous interventions, and at what cost.
- Superfast North Yorkshire (SFNY) – how well is the roll-out proceeding for the 90%? How can we do better than 2 mbps for the 10%?

- Property management, incl County Hall ceilings!, but mainly continuing the process to consolidate property assets.
- Members IT – how to refresh the existing 4 year old equipment? Can we move to paperless working as others have done or are doing? What will be the savings?
- Council Plan – is this still fit for purpose? How will the new CSR affect it?
- Continuing with a savings programme – inevitably this gets harder. How will we achieve this? How can all Members, Executive and non-Executive, play a part in this? What process could we develop for O&S committees?
- Partnership working – specifically with Selby District Council, but there are other opportunities to be undertaken eg with the Police & Crime Commissioner
- Community Budgets – are they the panacea they are made out to be?
- Workforce development – I meet with Justine Brooksbank once a month, and had the benefit of a Members` Workforce Development group meeting 4 times a year, ahead of the Quarterly outturn Executive meeting. I intend to continue with this working group, and will seek nominations from groups.
- Constitution Working Party – this meets about 3 times a year, under the chairmanship of the NYCC Chairman, and I will be writing to Group Leaders / Secretaries to ask for nominations. It is non-decision making but useful as a sounding board for proposed changes to the Constitution.
- Procurement – have we boxed this off now? Do we need the Corporate Procurement Members` Group which John Watson discontinued, although it was a working party of this committee originally. Day to day procurement is much more efficient, and corporate, and the big ones have been well handled – Waste, Highways, Broadband – with no “Alcatel” challenges.
- Communications, including the next 3 items
  - Web site development
  - Johnston press agreement – I believe a report is coming to this committee meeting.
  - Customer Service Centre

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16<sup>th</sup> June, 2013.