

LOCAL GOVERNMENT NORTH YORKSHIRE AND YORK

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Future engagement with other public sector partners

1. This report is to consolidate the email correspondence that was passed between all members in February and March.
2. When we originally considered setting up the new Local Government North Yorkshire and York structure to reflect the new regional structures we did consider whether to have a much broader base public sector body at that time. It was concluded that we would stick with the nine Councils and then after our first meeting a decision to invite the two National Parks to join us.
3. Because of the need for contact with our three other main public sector partners ie PCT, Police and Fire and Rescue we corresponded during February and concluded that it would be entirely appropriate to invite them to join us for every other meeting.
4. The rationale for this is set out in the two emails which are appended to this report as Appendix 1 email dated 2nd February 2010 and Appendix 2 email dated 3rd March 2010.
5. The next meeting of this group will be on 2nd July and the three organisations both at Chairman and Chief Executive level have been invited to attend.
6. It is important that we keep this situation under review and in the event that there is a bigger push for a wider public sector view of various matters there may well be a need in the future to review membership further. This will be a matter for the group to decide at that time.
7. The decisions needed to be taken at this meeting are as follows:-
 - How to construct the agenda for other colleagues to join the meeting.
 - To agree that on matters that impact upon all the organisations present that each of the three organisations be offered one vote.
 - To agree that the three organisations can put items on the agenda.
 - To note that the CAA report identified the strength of willingness to cooperate in North Yorkshire and with the City of York as appropriate and this move is a further step to demonstrate this cooperative approach.

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Date: 02/02/2010 08:54
Subject: Re: North Yorkshire Strategic Partnership

Many of you have been included in the correspondence hitherto on the future of the NYSP. Just for clarity the NYSP has its four components. The Thematic Partnerships, the Executive group, the wider Partnership and the six monthly meeting of the NYSP Partnership itself. Having reviewed the NYSP Partnership meeting and consulted with all Partners there is an acknowledgement that we need to change.

Originally when we set up the NYSP Partnership it was a genuine attempt to involve all those people who have a duty to cooperate. We probably were the only two tier area or large Council area that tried this and to be blunt I don't think it has worked as well as it should have done. The other parts of the NYSP are fine. There is no appetite, I think for further meetings or further structures bearing in mind all the things that we already have to do.

So the suggestion arising from the NYSP Executive (which includes all Chief Executives) is that we should seek to invite the Chief Executives and Chairs or their representatives of the PCT, the Fire and Rescue Authority and the Police Authority to join our Local Government North Yorkshire and York meetings for every other meeting. It doesn't stop us doing solely Local Government and National Park business on those days.

The purpose would be to deal with the big cross over issues such as sustainability strategies and Local Area Agreements and I would guess challenges like Total Place in the future. It would also be a good opportunity for the key public services to have a forum where the Chairs and Leaders can meet with each other. I would appreciate some feedback on this by the 18th February. We could try this for a couple of meetings and see how it works. It may be as the Total Place agenda changes and post Election if there is a strengthening of sub-regional activity as some of us anticipate then it could well be that we need to programme the Local Government meeting slightly more frequently and also perhaps the meetings with other key partners.

I appreciate for Andrew and Kersten from York this might seem a slight tangential. It is a way as the two of you will have picked up for us to deal with the North Yorkshire based Strategic Partnership but bearing in mind that the key partners are shared I hope you will be prepared to support this if it is helpful for North Yorkshire. I should emphasise to everybody that I haven't yet approached the three organisations without your consent. So it would be helpful please to have any responses, as I have noted earlier, by the 18th February.

The rest of the Partners who used to attend the NYSP for example the Regional and

National agencies such as Arts Council, English Heritage, Highways Agency will have an opportunity to contribute to the Thematic Partnerships where they are involved and otherwise Neil Irving will organise for appropriate opportunities for them to be briefed and for us to be given a briefing in return.

I would appreciate your views please.

Thank you.

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Subject: North Yorkshire Strategic Partnership

I am attaching a note that I sent out to Members of the Local Government North Yorkshire and York. As the Secretary of the group, I would now like to make the proposal to each of you that you join with the Local Government Group on at least two occasions per annum, in order to discuss areas of mutual interest and to take forward particularly the North Yorkshire Strategic Partnership agenda related to the sustainability strategy and local area agreements and other such cross cutting issues. Obviously it would also be an opportunity to discuss areas of wider interest.

I appreciate that this is an issue driven by the North Yorkshire agenda and not our colleagues in the City of York. However as all three of you also cover York in your portfolios, York have accepted that this is an economical way of doing business for the County Council, and going forward I suspect for the sub region. My personal view is that we will develop a public services board in the coming twelve months.

None of us know quite where we are going to end up in the next six, nine or twelve months, following a general election. What we do know is that the sub region will be a key part of the future governance arrangements and cooperative arrangements for taking forward important public issues and services. The Secretary to replace me will be my successor when appointed. Ruth Gladstone in Democratic Services at the County Council acts as Clerk to the Committee and therefore she is a very useful conduit for passing information from and to the sub-region network. I'd appreciate hearing from you as soon as possible, that you feel that you would like to take up this invitation and I'm sure its in all our interests.

Regards

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