



Minutes of meeting held on 16 November 2007 at Hambleton District Council

Present: Hazel Kirby – Northallerton and District Voluntary Services Association
(Vice Chairman in the Chair)
Peter Simpson – Hambleton District Council
Andy Everitt – North Yorkshire Police
Councillor Bob Baker – Hambleton District Council
Councillor John Fletcher – North Yorkshire County Council
David Billings – Hambleton District Council
David Bramhall – North Yorkshire Probation Board
Dr Phil Kirby – North Yorkshire and York PCT
Fiona Coleman – Yorkshire Rural Community Council
Jean Wooler – Hambleton Citizens' Advice Bureau
Jo Gillespie – Government Office Yorkshire and Humber
Ken Blackwood - Northallerton & Villages Community Plan Forum
Kevin Holt – Hambleton and Richmondshire Rural Transport and
Access Partnership
Kirk Lester – Royal Air Force
Michael Webster – Churches Together In Northallerton & District
Mick Jewitt – Hambleton District Council
Paul Lightfoot - Broadacres
Rosemary Taylor – Safer Communities Theme Group Chair
Roy Parsonage - North East Chamber of Commerce
Sam Swinbank – Hambleton District Council
Simon Gibson – North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service

Apologies: David Kerfoot – Kerfoot Group Ltd
David Porter - Yorkshire Forward
Gary Hardman - North Yorkshire and York PCT
Jos Mortimer – Connexions York and North Yorkshire
Major Boyle – Alanbrooke Barracks
Mark Humble - Hambleton and Richmondshire Learning Disability
Partnership
Sarah Collinson - VTPLC
Sgt Middleton – Alanbrooke Barracks

1 Introductions and Apologies

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting and for the purposes of new members in attendance, asked those present to introduce themselves.

2 Minutes of the Meeting held on 16 November 2007 and Matters Arising

The minutes were confirmed as a correct record.

3 Report of the Executive Group

The Partnership Board received the report of the Executive Group updating partners on the work of the Theme and Area Groups.

The Board were asked to avoid re-scheduling meetings once dates had been set for future meetings. It was noted that the meeting of the Board had been rescheduled to enable co-ordination of financial planning within partner organisations and this would be borne in mind when arranging future dates.

The Board noted that, following agreement to increase the Micro Loan Scheme maximum of £2,500, there were 6 applications pending.

The Board noted that NYCC were implementing various schemes to increase their energy efficiency and it had been recommended that a representative from NYCC be invited to deliver a presentation on potential initiatives that HSP Partners could implement.

Agreed:

That:-

1. the improvement as a result of the change to the Micro Loan Scheme be noted;
2. the Board supports the recommendation of the Places Theme Group to invite a representative from NYCC to deliver a presentation on potential initiatives that HSP Partners could implement regarding energy efficiency;
3. the Board notes the request of the Executive Group regarding the need for HSP partners to adopt the PCT and HDC approach of presenting new strategies so that a joined up approach can be achieved and that this be encouraged, but that it should focus on conformity with the Community Plan.

4 LSP Priorities

Sam Swinbank tabled a report setting out the LSP priorities for 2008/09 which had been put forward by each of the HSP Theme and Area Groups.

Peter Simpson suggested that consideration should be given to having one funding prospectus to promote to NYCC and HDC and that the Executive would need to discuss how monies would be allocated to the priorities at the beginning of the financial year.

Agreed:

That the report be noted.

5 Partnership Effectiveness – Looking to the Future

Sam Swinbank tabled a report outlining areas for future discussion and action by the Board to focus on its role in determining strategic direction and sought an agreed way forward from members of the Board. Alcohol was added to the list of suggested issues. Debate took place on the way forward regarding prioritising areas for future discussion.

Agreed:

- (1) That the next meeting should focus on “bridging the equalities gap on prioritising resources and ensuring that all areas across the district get the same outcomes” and that an outcome of this discussion could be an agreed baseline description of the District that partners could sign up to and use.
- (2) That Sam circulates the lists and asks the Board Members to prioritise the topics for future meetings.

6 Hambleton Local Development Framework – Issues Arising out of Consultation

Mick Jewitt tabled a report providing an update on progress with the preparation of the LDF and highlighting strategic issues arising from consultation on the Allocations Development Plan Document that would require an input from partners, possibly including investment and infrastructure.

Mick reported that the closing date for comments was 23 November 2007 and then there would be one-to-one meetings between HDC and partners to discuss solutions and, as far as possible, align strategies/programmes for infrastructure provision with the LDF.

Agreed:

That the report be received and any comments be forwarded by the deadline of 23 November 2007.

7 Hambleton Strategic Partnership Budget Update – November 2007

David Billings reported on the core budget position and the second homes discount funding available to the partnership. David proposed that the format of the report would change at future meetings to include expenditure to date.

Peter Simpson reported that NYCC had taken a decision to suspend the allocation of money against the second homes discount and that there was a need to fully understand what would happen with the balance of the second homes discount fund, although no correspondence had been received by the LSP in relation to this from NYCC.

Agreed:

- (1) That the report be noted.
- (2) That the position in relation to decision taken by NYCC regarding the second homes discount be clarified and reported back to the Board.

8 Any Other Business

Local Area Agreements (LAA)

Jo Gillespie had circulated a copy of the publication from Communities and Local Government on Negotiating New Local Area Agreements and also The New Performance Framework for Local Authorities and Local Authority Partnerships: Single Set of National Indicators.

Peter Simpson summarised the position with regard to the current LAA. 12 stretch targets had been identified which required improvement and a pump priming grant of approximately £100k per target had been allocated. If the targets were achieved a reward would be given of £16m. It was highlighted that those targets would be unaffected by the move to LAA2.

Peter outlined what was required for the development of LAA2. Government through the comprehensive spending review had rationalised the number of national indicators. Upto 35 target areas for improvement could be chosen which local authorities and their partners would negotiate with Central Government drawn from the new national indicator set.

Peter invited comments on what should be included in LAA2 based on the improvement priorities for Hambleton. Sam Swinbank would collate the comments and prepare a response from the LSP to the NYSP by 21 December 2007. The deadline for signing of LAA2 was June 2008.

9 Dates and Times of Next Meetings

20 March 2008	25 September 2008
19 June 2008 (AGM)	4 December 2008

All meetings to take place at Broadacres Housing Association HQ (subject to confirmation).

The meeting closed at 11.35am.