



Minutes of meeting held on Thursday 29 April 2010 at Broadacres HQ, Northallerton

Present: Rosemary Taylor (Chair)
Peter Simpson – Hambleton/Richmondshire District Councils
Sandra Walbran - HDC
Sam Swinbank – HDC
Lisa Wilson – HDC
Ken Blackwood - NVCF
Councillor David Blades – NYCC
Rev Michael Webster – Churches Together in Northallerton & District
Alan England – Easingwold & Villages Forum
Fred Hutchinson – RAF Linton
Diane Parsons – NYCC (for Neil Irving)
Norman Griffin – Governor NMYOI Northallerton
Dave Charlton – HMYOI Northallerton
Kirk Lester – RAF Leeming
Amanda Brown – North Yorkshire and York PCT
Yvonne Rose – Bedale Community Forum
Steve Towers – Broadacres
David Porter – Yorkshire Forward
Amanda Oliver – NY Police
David Kerfoot – The Kerfoot Group
Richard Clayton – South Tees Hosp NHS Foundation Trust
Chris Fields – HCSP & RCSP
Mal Austwick – North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service
Hazel Kirby – Hambleton Association Local Development Agencies
Councillor Carl Les – Police Authority
Stephen Harrison NYCC (Adult & Community Services)
David Bramhall – North Yorkshire Probation Board

Apologies: Jean Wooler - CAB
Sarah Collinson – H&R Work & Skills P'ship
Bill Cross – Rural Action Yorkshire
Sue Maddison – North Yorks DAT
Kevin Holt – HDC & RDC Rural Transport & Access Partnership
Richard Norbury - GOYH

1 Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman

Rosemary Taylor was unanimously re-elected as chair of the LSP.

Hazel Kirby was unanimously re-elected as vice chair of the LSP.

2 Introductions and Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and for the purposes of new members in attendance, asked those present to introduce themselves, and apologies were noted.

3 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 10 December 2009 and Matters Arising

The minutes were confirmed as a correct record. Matters arising:

- Rutson Hospital update – Yorkshire Forward’s funds have been cut, and this will affect the Rutson Hospital. SSw looking at the potential of European funding as match to maximise available Yorkshire Forward investment> Meetings also being held with the PCT and the voluntary sector.
- Hospice update - The PCT is waiting for an assessment to be complete and will report back to the Healthy Theme Group in June. Recommendations from the Healthy Theme Group will then be brought back to the next Board meeting on 29 July.

4 Chairman’s Report

The Chairman provided an overview of the work of the LSP over the previous year. The Chairman then thanked officers, Members and volunteers for their valued work on the Partnership.

A number of challenges for the future were highlighted:

- Delivery within financial constraints
- Proportionality
- Focus of priorities
- Setting future targets
- Improved ways of working - vital the Board work together to portray a credible reputational voice

It was also reported that work is ongoing on the Improvement Plan and looking at better working between the District Council and NYCC through Area Committees. The Chairman will be attending the next NYCC Hambleton Area Committee meeting and the next round of Hambleton District Council Area Forums looking at promoting better engagement with Councillors.

Peter Simpson discussed the present financial climate and impending election, and asked the Board to be realistic with regards to funds available over the next 2 years. There will be a differential impact on each service, with some services feeling the impact of cuts more than others. It is expected that there could be a 5% cut in budgets from central government.

Agreed:

That the Annual Report be noted

ITEM FOR DISCUSSION

5 Area Profiles

The aim is better working with partners to improve the data available for our local areas, and this data to be used to prioritise the work of the Partnership and individual partners. It is important that the data is updated regularly, with an aim to do this 6 monthly in April and October, and to align the profiles with those held by the Police and NYCC. More work is needed on issues covering Health and the Police, work ongoing at HDC will highlight any outstanding issues.

A question was raised over whether the national Census will impact on our profiles. It was felt that the information coming through from the Census will be useful in the long term rather than short term. If any Parish Plans etc are undertaken then these should be incorporated into the area profiles, and any other intelligence available should be checked to see if it affects/amends the profiles.

In terms of ownership of the information it was agreed that the LSP as a whole must take responsibility for the profiles as each partner has a contribution to make. Area Groups have overall responsibility for keeping the information up to date, overseen by the Executive Group with the support of HDC to facilitate the flow of data from key partners and other sources. HDC will take on the role of 'facilitator', but ultimate responsibility for providing the information rests with the agencies. It is recognised that the profiles are not perfect at this stage but they are useful as a 'platform to move on' and will feed into the review of the Community Plan. The District Council will also use them in the review of its Corporate Plan.

It was reported that the Communications Team are working on the final version, which when completed will be web-based.

Agreed:

Gaps and inaccuracies brought to light in the Area Profiles need to be addressed before publication.

ITEMS FOR DECISION

6 Update on LSP Improvement Plan

The LSP Improvement Plan was discussed. A report on developing the Performance Management framework for the LSP was presented for information. Further work is needed to develop the indicators. Annex B, Quality of Life should reflect on what it is like to live here / visit here / work here.

The following issues were agreed to be important to include - tourism information, police confidence question, level of services going out to villages, numbers of people who are voting, the level of income received from Business Rates and access to housing by offenders.

Agreed:

These issues to be taken back to the Executive Group for discussion.

At the last LSP Board meeting it was agreed that there was a need to develop an LSP Brand, and it was decided to approach 5 organisations that were given a detailed brief, and ask them to put forward their proposals. Graphic Design Partnership have been appointed to undertake the work at cost to the LSP of £2,800 + VAT, this includes developing a mission statement, strap line and new logo. They will be contacting a number of LSP Board members, Area Groups and local journalists in developing the work.

Agreed:

The Board endorsed the appointment of Graphic Design Partnership.

7 Hambleton – a Good Place to Grow Older Pledge

Lisa Wilson presented. Building a society for All Ages is the Government's Strategy for our aging society, which recognises that people are now living longer, and the need to build a society not defined by age. Within Hambleton the numbers of older people are expected to be much higher over the coming years. The Older Persons Sub Group would like all agencies to sign up to the Older People's Charter which will provide for the needs of Older People. The NYSP are also looking at this on a countywide basis.

A number of minor amendments to the document were suggested and it was agreed that Lisa Wilson would write to organisations in due course with a copy of the document asking for signatures.

Agreed:

The board agreed in principle to sign up to the Good Place to Grow Older Pledge, subject to the suggested amendments.

8 Access to Broadband

A report was presented by Sandra Walbran on the recent event held at Hambleton to discuss access to and the speed of Broadband within the district. Three key issues emerged from the meeting – bring communities together, funding and investment and joined up thinking.

It was agreed that further dialogue was needed with BT, assimilation of Government policy on Broadband and to look to join with Richmondshire LSP for further discussion. In addition to Easingwold it was suggested that the Area Groups could explore the level of interest locally. The Board agreed that ‘speed’ is vital for rural areas and it was suggested that a Task and Finish Group be set up to look at Broadband speed and bring the findings back to the next Board meeting. PS suggested that Lindsay Ross from the Top 20 Businesses Forum be invited to join the Group.

An online survey is currently being undertaken on the Hambleton District Council website, to assist in gathering baseline information. This deadline for responses is 28 May.

Agreed:

The board establishes a Task and Finish Group which reports back to the next meeting.

9 Hambleton & Richmondshire LSP Prevent Delivery Action Plan

Chris Fields discussed the attached report. The Prevent Action Plan was put together late last year, but the Plan now needs updating. The Board was asked for comments to feed into the update.

The proposed changing role of the prison is a key area, acknowledging a low probability of violent crime in North Yorkshire, issues around Catterick and engagement with Richmondshire LSP.

A simple 1 page summary document was requested for the Area Groups and LSP partners to assist in raise issues for discussion.

Agreed:

A summary document is prepared and circulated to the Board

10 Report of the Executive Group

SW discussed the attached report. The key issue was the future focus of the Executive Group, a number of changes were proposed to the wording in the LSP Constitution on the specific roles and responsibilities of the Executive Group. The Executive Group through Sandra would like to acknowledge the work done in the communities, by the Area Groups. Thanks are also extended to Nicky Smith for her work to support the Groups.

Agreed:

Vote taken to accept the changes to the LSP constitution regarding the role of the Executive Group and the vote was carried unanimously.

11 Hambleton Strategic Business Forum

Peter Simpson presented the attached report regarding a recent meeting of the Forum.

12 Joint Working Opportunities

A successful application has been made for a Local Improvement Advisor (LIA) to undertake a piece of work to explore the opportunities for joint working between Hambleton and Richmondshire LSP's. The Board are happy to proceed.

13 Links Between Hambleton LSP and NYSP

The results of a recent mapping exercise were discussed and recommendations made to strengthen current links. In future LSP views will be fed through to NYSP Executive through Peter Simpson. LSP Partners felt 'removed/detached' from NYSP, it was suggested that there was a lot of bureaucracy and terminology that was not always easy for those not involved to understand and that information and feedback was not always forthcoming. Rosemary re-iterated the importance of individual organisations being pro-active in developing the links.

It was reported that the NYSP Thematic Groups will be developing programmes to spend £11m in Reward Grant, and they will be consulting with the LSP's when developing their proposals.

14 2010 Financial Position

SS discussed the attached report. NYCC have confirmed their 2010/11 contribution of £10,000, and HDC through second homes funding have committed £15,172 for 2009/10 (against an original estimate of £13,500).

Future funding for the LSP Development Officer has been secured from the following organisations Regional BASIS funding; HDC; LSP Core Funding; Kerfoot Group (Private Sector) and NYCC Second Homes. Further discussions for support are ongoing with NY & York PCT; HMYOI Northallerton and NY Police BCU Funding.

No questions were raised by the Board.

15 Any Other Business – There were no items to add. The meeting closed at 12.10pm

16 Future Dates and Times

All Thursday commencing at 10.00am at Broadacres HQ (certain finish time 12 noon).

29 July 2010, 28 October 2010, 27 January 2011