

## **Chief Executives' Group – North Yorkshire and York**

**14 November 2012**

### **Building capacity within communities**

#### **1 Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 To seek agreement on taking forward delivery of the Community Plan action to build capacity within communities to help them play a bigger role in shaping and delivering local services

#### **2 Background**

- 2.1 The North Yorkshire Community Plan 2011 – 14 sets out three priorities for partnership working in the county: protecting and supporting vulnerable people, supporting economic growth and employment, and enabling stronger local communities.
- 2.2 One of the objectives under the third priority is to build capacity within communities to help them to play a bigger role in shaping and delivering local services. The community plan states that this area of work will be taken forward by a task and finish group (membership co-ordinated via the Chief Executives Group).
- 2.3 There are a number of current projects and services in the county that support capacity building, including the PRG funded active communities project. It is likely however, due to the localism agenda and the difficult financial position of the public sector, that there will be an increased need for capacity building.

#### **3 Task and finish group**

- 3.1 It is proposed that a small task and finish group be formed to succinctly map the key capacity building activity that is currently taking place within the county and to outline affordable options for achieving the objective in the community plan.
- 3.2 It is proposed that the task and finish group be made up of four to six people nominated by members of the Chief Executives' Group and that it provide an initial report to the Chief Executives' Group meeting on 14 February 2013.

#### **4 Recommendations**

That the Group agrees to the formation of a small task and finish group to succinctly map the key capacity building activity that is currently taking place within the county and to outline affordable options for building capacity within communities to help them to play a bigger role in shaping and delivering local services.

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