

Minutes of the Thriving Third Sector Steering Group Meeting

23 September 2013 at County Hall, Northallerton

Present:

Alex Bird	Age UK North Yorkshire
Judith Bromfield	York & North Yorkshire LSDO
Ray Busby	NYCC (minutes)
Jon Carling	NY&Y forum
Neil Irving	NYCC (chair)
Hazel Kirby	Northallerton & District VSA
Jon Pattinson	Harrogate & Rural District CCG
Milton Pearson	Craven CVS
Carol Renahan	NY&Y Forum
Kate Senior	Craven District Council
Nigel Staton	Whitby DAG
Leah Swain	Rural Action Yorkshire
Sue Vasey	Your Consortium
Mike Webster	NYCC

Apologies:

Avril Hunter	NYCC
Richard Gunton	NYMVPA
Milton Pearson	Craven CVS

1. Minutes of the meeting held on 23 September 2013.

These were agreed as an accurate record.

2. Economic Growth Strategy

Sue Vasey circulated a discussion paper on options for establishment of an Employment and Skills Board.

Sue's paper supported discussion on the potential establishment of a YNER Board. The paper explained the background regarding the responsibilities of the YNYER LEP and its management and influence over resources, especially through the European Social Fund.

AGREED:

The group supported the establishment of an Employment and Skills Board.

The consensus was that two representatives from the sector was appropriate.

The VCS sector network would be used to canvass opinion regarding governance arrangements for the Board.

3. Revising the North Yorkshire Compact

Judith Bromfield reported on progress in revising the North Yorkshire Compact.

Whilst there was general support for a revised Compact, the contract period of six months requirement was still a bone of contention particularly for some public sector organisations.

AGREED:

- i. The national compact be adopted as a framework for a New North Yorkshire Compact.**
- ii. The draft enclosed with the report be a starting point for the revised Compact.**
- iii. Consultation be launched during Compact Week: 4 – 7 November 2013.**

4. Update on Social Care Issues

Helen Taylor updated on social care issues.

Since the last update work had continued with health partners against a difficult backcloth of landscape change around CCGs. The transfer of public health responsibilities to the County Council had been successful and Dr Lincoln Sargeant was now in post.

The budget saving requirements set by the County Council for Adult and Social Services were challenging; some £22m for 2014/15.

There were ways that the frontline could be protected in this exercise of making savings, for example, change of procurement arrangements, the dependence on residential care was being reduced on a regular basis, largely as a result of continuing success of Reablement through the START regime.

Big changes for Health and Social Care were imminent with the Care Bill and the notion of a national minimum threshold for the level of support for care. The White Paper was now awaited and it was expected to include reform around a new duty for authorities to promote physical, mental and emotional wellbeing in all decisions regarding an individual's care needs. There was likely to be a greater emphasis than ever before on prevention, particularly around advice and information. Local authorities will be expected to respond to a new duty to facilitate a vibrant, diverse and sustainable market for high quality care and support for the population, regardless of how services were funded. There will be other changes, greater support for carers, a duty for local authorities to co-operate and greater mapping out of the process for assessment charging entitlements and care planning.

Perhaps, most crucially of all, Safeguarding would be put on a statutory footing for the first time.

There was considerable discussion around the proposals regarding Dilnot and the challenges self-funders place for North Yorkshire. Members commented on a need for rural proofing of social care developments and continuing discussions around VCS integration at a strategic level.

In response to a number of questions Helen explained the process around restructuring and the change in a number of lead roles.

AGREED:

The information be reviewed.

5. Work Programme and Future Meetings

It was suggested that possible agenda items would include:

- Completion of the revision of the Compact
- Future trends and challenges regarding health and integration of health and social care with Amanda Bloor being invited to attend.