



# **A partnership approach to climate change**

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# Summary

- Why climate change is important for the NYSP
- Progress to date (inc. LAA / National Indicators)
- Barriers/challenges
- Looking forward and how you can help



# Why is this important?

- The NYSP will be assessed
  - Sustainable Community Strategy / Local Area Agreement
  - Comprehensive Area Assessment (CAA)
- Financial savings
  - Internally within organisations
  - The wider community e.g. reduced energy bills, alleviating fuel poverty
- National / regional drivers
- Public expectations



## Progress to date

- The Stronger / Rural Partnership is establishing the delivery mechanism
- Delivery groups working on climate change related LAA targets / National Indicators
- Lots of projects/initiatives delivered by individual organisations across NY
- Other areas of success that impact upon climate change e.g. increase in recycling, more efficient use of resources



## **NI 185 CO2 reduction from Local Authority operations**

- LAA indicator
- County Council, 7 District Councils and 2 National Parks responsible
- Baseline 2008/09 – 63% of total NYCC, 11% Harrogate BC, 7% Scarborough BC, 7% Selby DC, 5% Hambleton DC, others > 2.2%
- Schools account for approx. 70% of NYCC total
- Local Authority plans / sharing of best practice



# **NI 186 Per capita reduction in CO2 emissions**

- LAA indicator
- All NYSP partners responsible
- Delivery group implementing action plan – priorities include:
  - Co-ordinated countywide communications
  - Support for business / schools
  - Supporting micro-generation schemes
  - Empowering the voluntary sector
  - Training events e.g. guidance for planners

# NI 188 Planning to adapt to climate change

- National Indicator – only local authorities required to report – but implications for all NYSP partners
- Currently at Level 0 (Levels 0-4). In order to progress and achieve Level 1 we need to:
  - Make a public commitment to identify and manage climate related risk
  - Assess what existing strategies and plans are already in place e.g. flood management
  - Undertake a local risk based assessment
  - Undertake a gap analysis to identify those risks not addressed in existing strategies and communicate these risks to appropriate people

## **Barriers / challenges**

- No shared Countywide leadership
- Joining up all of the activity - complex
- Other competing priorities
- Resources – need to maximise / pool resources
- Difficult to demonstrate tangible outcomes / impact
- Seen as a stand alone ‘environmental’ issue – other impacts e.g. health and social care provision
- Green fatigue



## Issues around rurality

- Road transport
- More difficult to save energy in older/more isolated housing stock
- Large number of Small to Medium Sized Enterprises (SMEs)
- Lots of partners – who is responsible for what?
- Communications noise



# Looking forward

- We need to deliver clear leadership?
- We need to coordinate and join up all of the activity?
- We need to maximise our resources?
- What is the best role for other NYSP thematic partnerships to contribute to and play?



## Next Steps

- The NYSP Executive will receive a climate change report on 1 October 2009
- Your input today will be fed into the appropriate group
- Further updates will be provided
- For all to be committed and actively involved
- RIEP Climate Change Leadership Programme



# Overview of the session

- Climate change is important
- Progress has been made
- There are a number of barriers / challenges
- Climate change is a partnership issue that extends beyond political / organisational boundaries
- The NYSP must demonstrate commitment and leadership



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