
Meeting	External Funding Scrutiny Review Task Group
Date	29 July 2013
Present	Councillors Burton (Chair), Barnes and D'Agorne
Apologies	Councillor Semlyen

1. Declarations of Interest

At this point in the meeting, Members were invited to declare any personal, prejudicial or disclosable pecuniary interests that they might have had in the business on the agenda.

None were declared.

2. Public Participation

It was reported that there had been no registrations to speak at the meeting under the Council's Public Participation Scheme.

3. Draft Final Report - External Funding Scrutiny Review.

Members considered the draft final report arising from the External Funding scrutiny review which asked them to identify any changes required to the report ahead of its presentation to the Economic & City Development Overview & Scrutiny Committee on 24 September 2013.

Discussion took place in relation to the three strategic recommendations proposed by the Task Group and the remaining recommendations under the review objectives.

Members queried whether the REM licence had been used by the Council since its purchase.

It was confirmed that it had helped the Council to bid for Regional Growth Funding to help develop York Central and had since been used to develop figures for other key sites which will be fed into the Council's Investment Plan. Members asked that a paragraph on the licence's use be included in the Final Report.

In response to a Member's question, it was reported that the "york means business" website was not part of the Council's website but could be accessed from it. It was suggested that a clearer link to the website from the Council's website be added as a recommendation in the Final Report.

As a result of the discussion the Task Group instructed the Scrutiny Officer to make a number of changes to the wording of the final report ahead of its presentation to the full Economic & City Development Overview & Scrutiny Committee on 24 September 2013. That included the insertion of the following additional recommendation:

Recommendation (ix)

- *CYC to develop a clear promotional plan for 'yorkmeansbusiness' in order to fully integrate it.*

Resolved: That the report along with the agreed amendments be noted.

Reason: In order to conclude their work on this review in line with Overview & Scrutiny procedures and protocols.

Councillor S Burton, Chair
[The meeting started at 4.35 pm and finished at 5.25 pm].