Economic & City Development Overview &   **12 November 2014**
Scrutiny Committee
Report of Assistant Director Governance and ICT

Update report on the implementation of the recommendations from the Construction Skills Scrutiny Review and the work of YorCity Construction

Summary

1. This report provides Members with an update on the implementation of the recommendations of the previously completed Construction Skills Scrutiny Review and the ongoing work of YorCity Construction.

Background

2. In mid-2013 ECDOSC agreed to review the level of construction skills in York to support the city's ambition for housing and construction growth that was predicted to require over 4,000 building jobs within the next two years and appointed a Task Group comprising Councillors Watt, D'Agorne and McIlveen to carry out the work on their behalf.

3. The aim of the review was to investigate ways of increasing the supply of local people with building and construction skills and the objectives were:

    i. Identify what skills gaps and shortages there are in York and will be in the future, against planned development in the city over the next five years and beyond;

    ii. Examine the opportunities for local people, including NEETs, 16-24 year olds and those looking to retrain, to enter the construction industry to enable the industry to take advantage of new and emerging projects

    iii. Identify what strategy and funding is in place by building companies and training organisations to develop a suitably qualified workforce to meet projected demands including retention and recruitment strategies, and identify best practice

4. The recommendations in the Draft Final Report were approved by the Committee in March 2014 and were subsequently endorsed by Cabinet. One of the recommendations was that the Learning City York Partnership Manager provides ECDOSC with six monthly progress reports from YorCity Construction Steering Group. At a Committee meeting in July 2014 it was agreed that the update report be considered at the November meeting.

Consultation

5. The Learning City York Partnership Manager has provided the update information contained within **Annex A**.

Analysis

6. This report is provided for information only.

Options

7. Members may decide to sign off any individual recommendations where implementation has been completed and can:

   a. request further updates and the attendance of the relevant officers at a future meeting to clarify any outstanding recommendations relating to the above review or;

   b. agree to receive no further updates.

Council Plan

8. The process of monitoring and ensuring the implementation of the approved recommendations arising from the review will contribute to the 'Create Jobs and Grow the Economy' priority of the Council Plan 2011-15.

Implications

9. There are no known financial, human resources, equalities, legal, IT or other implications associated with the recommendation made in this report.

Risk Management

10. In compliance with the Council's risk management strategy there are no known risks associated with this report.
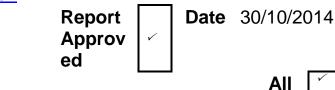
Recommendation

Members are asked to note the contents of this report and sign off all recommendations that have been fully implemented.

Reason: To raise awareness of those recommendations which are still be fully implemented.

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Wards Affected: **All** ✓

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Annexes

Annex A – Update on implementation of recommendations

Abbreviations used in this report and its annex

BTEC - Business and Technology Education Council
CITB – Construction Industry Training Board
CYC – City of York Council
ECDOSC – Economic & City Development Overview & Scrutiny Committee
JSP – Job Centre Plus
NEET - Not in Education, Employment, or Training