

Meeting	Decision Session - Executive Member for Education, Children and Young People
Date	30 June 2016
Present	Councillor Rawlings

1. Declarations of Interest

The Executive Member was asked to declare any personal interests not included on the Register of Interests, any prejudicial interests or any disclosable pecuniary interests he may have in the business on the agenda. None were declared.

2. Minutes

Resolved: That the minutes of the Decision Session held on 23 February 2016 be received.

3. Public Participation

It was reported that there had been one registration to speak at the meeting under the Council's Public Participation Scheme.

Ms Liz Burdett, Chair of York Music Hub Strategy Group, gave details of the membership of the Strategy Group and of its mission to develop and expand opportunities for young people in York. She stated that this was a watershed moment and the chance to consider new arrangements and increase input from stakeholders. The proposals would enable greater transparency as to how funding was used as well as enabling new sources of funding to be explored. Ms Burdett stated that it was important that City of York Council continued to play a key role. She drew attention to two challenges:

- Identifying trustees with a real commitment to taking forward the proposed agenda
- To continue to access funding, for example from the Arts Council.

Ms Burdett was thanked for her comments.

4. Future Options for York Music Hub and York Arts Education

The Executive Member considered a report that set out future options for the development of the York Music Hub and York Arts Education, which together plan for and provide music opportunities for children and young people in York.

Officers stated that the proposals contained in the report were intended to build on the success of the current service and would enable York Arts Education (YAE) to become a social enterprise by forming a Community Interest Company (CIC) and to diversify its sources of funding.

The Executive Member paid tribute to the improvements that had been made to the service and stated that he recognised the importance of music and its benefits for children and young people.

At the request of the Executive Member, officers gave details of the Community Interest Company models that could be established. The Executive Member requested that clarification be sought as to whether a decision to set up the Arts Education Service as a CIC would require approval by the Executive in view of the TUPE implications.

The Executive Member gave consideration to the following options:

- With respect to the Hub, to decide whether to participate with the other strategic partners in developing a new legal entity.
- With respect to York Arts Education, to decide whether to ask officers to investigate the potential for York Arts Education to spin out into a Community Interest Company (CIC) or whether to retain it as a Council service.

- Resolved:
- (i) That the Council continue to participate in York Music Hub under the new arrangements proposed in the report.
 - (ii) That officers investigate the potential for the York Arts Education Service to spin-out as a company and bring back a report with a business plan to the Executive Member (or Executive as appropriate).

Reason: To support the continued development of excellent music opportunities for children and young people in York.

Cllr Rawlings, Executive Member
[The meeting started at 4.00 pm and finished at 4.12 pm].