
MEETING	DECISION SESSION - EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES
DATE	9 NOVEMBER 2010
PRESENT	COUNCILLOR RUNCIMAN (EXECUTIVE MEMBER)

20. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Executive Member was invited to declare at this point in the meeting any personal or prejudicial interests she might have in the business on the agenda. None were declared.

21. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Decision Session held on 14 September 2010 be approved and signed by the Executive Member as a correct record.

22. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

It was reported that there were no registrations to speak under the council's Public Participation Scheme.

23. TAKING PLAY FORWARD 2010 - A REFRESH OF YORK'S POLICY FOR PLAY

The Executive Member received a report that presented a refresh of York's Policy for Play 2010-2013. The report provided details of significant progress made since the last policy in 2007, highlighted the key changes in the 2010 policy and sought approval from the Executive Member for the updated Taking Play Forward policy.

Officers reported that the updated policy reflected a number of local and national drivers and had sought to capture the views of play sector groups, parents and children. It was intended that a web-based version would also be made available.

The Executive Member stated that she welcomed the clear targets that were detailed in the Action Plan and asked how progress on their implementation would be monitored. Officers stated that progress against the targets would be recorded on the YorOK website.

The Executive Member stated that she was pleased to note that the policy also celebrated the achievements that had made in providing the best

possible play opportunities. The funding that had been invested in play, including staff training, would have long-term benefits.

Officers reported that notification had been received from Government Office, in relation to the Playbuilder initiative, that there would be a 70% reallocation of funding, which equated to £371k.

The Executive Member expressed her appreciation of the work that the Head of Play and Young People's Cultural Entitlement and the play team had carried out. She also wished to record her congratulations to Street Sport York, a Play Team project, which had been nationally recognised by reaching the final stage of the 2008 National Lottery Good Causes Awards.

- RESOLVED: (i) That the 2010 Taking Play Forward policy and Action Plan be approved.
- (ii) That progress on the implementation of the Action Plan be reported to the Executive Member on an annual basis.

REASON: To progress the development of play in the city for the benefit of children and young people.

Councillor C Runciman, Chair
[The meeting started at 4.00 pm and finished at 4.15 pm].