
Meeting	Decision Session - Executive Member for Culture, Leisure & Communities
Date	22 July 2019
Present	Councillor Smalley

1. **Declarations of Interest**

The Executive Member confirmed that he had no personal interests not included on the Register of Interests, nor any prejudicial or disclosable pecuniary interests, to declare in the business on the agenda.

2. **Minutes**

Resolved: That the minutes of the Decision Session of the Executive Member for Culture, Leisure & Tourism held on 18 March 2019 be approved and signed by the Executive Member as a correct record.

3. **Public Participation**

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

4. **York Learning - Strategic / Service Plan 2019/20**

The Executive Member considered a report which provided an overview of the York Learning service and some of the opportunities and challenges it faced, and sought approval for the 2019/20 Strategic Plan for the service. The Plan, attached as Annex 1 to the report, set out detailed actions to achieve the ambitions of the service over the academic year beginning in September 2019. Influenced by a rigorous self-assessment process, it had already been through an internal service consultation with senior managers.

Officers at the meeting drew attention to a number of matters identified within the Plan, in particular:

- The £50k grant received from Shine for work on the Social Mobility Project (p.8 of the agenda papers)

- Action being taken to mitigate a funding shortfall on the 16-18 full time learning programme and continuing issues with the Apprenticeships offer (p.11)
- Progress on agreeing a strategy for future collaborative working with North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) (p.13)
- The need for further funding to book venues for future jobs fairs (p.13).

In response to questions from the Executive Member, it was confirmed that:

- Developing the service's Information and Guidance (IAG) and Wellbeing offer (p.11) would help learners find places on the right courses, by providing a pathway for charities and individuals to access specialist advice.
- Partnership working with NYCC had proved a positive step, enabling both organisations to benefit from shared resources.

Resolved: That the York Learning Strategic Plan 2019/20 attached as Annex 1 to the report be approved.

Reason: To provide a sound governance arrangement for York Learning Services.

CLlr D Smalley, Executive Member

[The meeting started at 2.30 pm and finished at 2.40 pm].