

Meeting	Decision Session - Executive Member for Culture, Leisure & Communities [previously Executive Member for Culture, Leisure and Tourism]
Date	23 September 2019
Present	Councillor Smalley

5. 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.

6. Minutes

Resolved: That the minutes of the Decision Session held on 22 July 2019 be approved and signed by the Executive Member as a correct record.

7. Public Participation

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

8. York Learning: Future Direction

The Executive Member considered a report that proposed a direction of travel for the future management arrangements of York Learning.

The Assistant Director of Communities and Culture was in attendance to give an update. He stated that York Learning was a successful Council service which focused primarily on helping York residents furthest from the job market to improve their confidence, self-esteem and employability skills.

It was noted that in the period leading up to the retirement of the Head of Service, who had also been seconded to support North

Yorkshire County Council on a part time basis, the service had been investigating various operating models for future delivery.

The Executive Member noted that to allow the service to fund the level of management and deliver a capacity that was desirable in some key areas of its operation, greater collaboration with North Yorkshire County Council, by sharing equally between the two authorities a Head of Service and management roles, would encourage a model that was operationally robust and reasonably future proof.

The Executive Member thanked the Head of Service for his contribution to York Learning and wished him well in his retirement. He congratulated North Yorkshire County Council for securing an assessment of 'Good' under the Ofsted framework.

In answer to the Executive Members questions the Assistant Director highlighted the benefits of a joint management approach and confirmed that the two authorities were closely aligned in the way they wanted to manage, structure and deliver their services.

The Executive Member agreed that collaborating with North Yorkshire County Council was a positive direction for York Learning.

Resolved: That the direction of travel for York Learning, set out in paragraph 10 of the report, through collaboration with North Yorkshire County Council, be approved.

Reason: To enhance the service's ability to achieve its mission of ensuring that all learners have the skills and motivation to maximise their life chances and to maximise the level of resource directed to front-line services.

Cllr Smalley, Executive Member
[The meeting started at 4.30 pm and finished at 4.40 pm].