
Meeting	Decision Session - Executive Member for Culture, Leisure & Communities
Date	11 August 2020
Present	Councillor Smalley (Executive Member)

6. Declarations of Interest

At this point in the meeting, 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 of the agenda.

7. Minutes

Resolved: That the minutes of the Decision Session held on 16 March 2020 be approved and then signed by the Executive Member at a later date.

8. Public Participation

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

9. York Learning - Strategic / Service Plan 2019/20

The Executive Member considered a report that set out York Learning's position for the academic year 20/21. The report offered clear areas for development and highlighted areas of provision that continue to grow and demonstrate success. Points of challenge and insecurity were also noted.

The Assistant Director of Communities and Culture along with the Joint Executive Head of Service – York Learning, were in attendance to present the report and respond to questions.

Matters arising during discussion of this item included:

- The service had adapted quickly in response to the challenges in relation to coronavirus sanctions. Learning could no longer be delivered in a classroom face to face environment. There had therefore been a shift towards

providing online learning. Staff, tutors and learners had risen to this challenge.

- It was reported that upcoming job fares were being arranged either online or with appropriate socially distance arrangements.
- Officers had been successful in securing a bid for laptops, tablet and smartphone devices which would be allocated to those experiencing digital exclusion. Officers mentioned a related project to re-condition technical devices to give to those digitally excluded.
- The Executive Member thanked officers for monitoring the potential impact that devolution may have to existing funding streams.
- The Executive Member was pleased to note the continued improvement in success rates in those programmes that were at risk of falling below minimum standards, in particular apprenticeships. The ESFA had been positive about the improvements made since coronavirus sanctions were put in place and had been assured that any previous concerns had been addresses.

Resolved: The Executive Member approved the York Learning Strategic / Service Plan 2019/20.

Reason: To help monitor the service and ensure sound governance arrangement for York Learning Services.

Cllr Smalley, Executive Member

[The meeting started at 4.30 pm and finished at 4.53 pm].