
MEETING	EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR LEISURE AND HERITAGE AND ADVISORY PANEL
DATE	13 MARCH 2006
PRESENT	COUNCILLORS ORRELL (Executive Member), HOGG (Chair), HOLVEY, EVANS, JONES and KIRK

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were invited to declare any personal or prejudicial interests they may have in the business on this agenda.

Councillor Hogg declared a personal prejudicial interest in agenda item 4 (Purchasing from the Not for Profit Sector 2006/7: Service Level Agreements) as he had been involved in work the Yorkshire Film Archive had undertaken in partnership with the National Railway Museum. He left the room and took no part in the discussion and decision on this item, and Councillor Holvey took the chair.

Councillor Evans declared personal non-prejudicial interests in agenda item 4 (Purchasing from the Not for Profit Sector 2006/7: Service Level Agreements) as a City of York Council representative on the Board of the Theatre Royal and as an employee of the York Museums Trust.

Councillor Jones declared a personal non-prejudicial interest in agenda item 4 (Purchasing from the Not for Profit Sector 2006/7: Service Level Agreements) as a trustee of the York Museums Trust.

Councillor Kirk declared a personal non-prejudicial interest in agenda item 4 (Purchasing from the Not for Profit Sector 2006/7: Service Level Agreements) as a City of York Council representative on the Board of the Theatre Royal.

2. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of the Executive Member for Leisure and Heritage and Advisory Panel held on 13 February 2006 be approved and signed by the Chair and Executive Member as a correct record.

63. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

It was reported that there had been no registrations to speak under the council's public participation scheme.

64. PURCHASING FROM THE NOT FOR PROFIT SECTOR 2006/7: SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENTS

Members received a report which sought approval for the purchase of Lifelong Learning and Culture programmes through Service Level Agreements (SLAs).

Annex 2 of the report listed those organisations who had applied for SLAs for 2006/7.

A key issue for 2006/7 was that the available budget for Arts SLAs was reduced in the budget process through 2 specific proposals: i) £30,500 through ceasing funding to the Impressions Gallery which was leaving the city, and ii) £2,000 per annum by progressively reducing one other SLA. The criteria to be used for reducing one further SLA were as follows:

- SLAs with organisations funded by the Arts Council Yorkshire should be protected (in order to prevent further loss of grant income to the city);
- SLAs with organisations that are providing unique services should be protected.

On the basis of these criteria the SLA to Stagecoach Youth Theatre had been targeted for reduction.

It was proposed that other awards in the £5,001 to £50,000 category were maintained at a standstill level with the exception of the award to the Friends of St Nicholas Fields. In this case an uplift was recommended to reflect increased costs that the group was incurring especially in respect of public liability insurance premiums. The group had not had a rise in its SLA for the last three years and funding had not kept pace with insurance costs. The group continued to provide a complementary service to that offered by the Parks and Open Spaces Service, with the added benefit of direct community management enhancing local ownership and care of the environment.

A growth item was approved in the budget process in order to fund the York Mystery Plays over the next five years at £20k per annum.

Members emphasised the need to adopt a strategic approach to awards of funding and the importance of filling the gap in contemporary art created by the Impressions Gallery leaving the city. Some Members also reiterated concerns regarding the reduction in funding for Stagecoach Youth Theatre.

Advice of the Advisory Panel

That the Executive Member be advised:

- (i) That the proposed Service Level Agreement awards of more than £5k, listed in Annex 2 of the report, be approved.

Decision of the Executive Member

RESOLVED: That the advice of the Advisory Panel be accepted and endorsed.

REASON: To ensure that organisations funded by the Arts Council Yorkshire and/or providing unique services are protected.

65. MAKING A DIFFERENCE: SPORT AND ACTIVE LEISURE ZONE PLAN

Members received a report which informed them of the progress that the 'Active York' sports partnership had made since April 2005, including the production of community sports plans for the 4 geographic zones in the city, and asked the Executive Member to support the continuing work of the partnership and to assist with the delivery of the zone plans by approving a number of measures targeted at the projects prioritised by the zone action groups.

Paragraphs 9-13 of the report set out the proposed actions for delivery of the zone development plans.

Members highlighted the need to ensure adequate city centre provision for sport and active leisure and to address the current gender balance issue, where fewer females participated than males.

Advice of the Advisory Panel

That the Executive Member be advised:

- (i) That the zone development plans be adopted by City of York Council;
- (ii) That the ongoing process for including new organisations and projects in the evolving zone development plans be supported;
- (iii) That the delivery of the zone development plans using the actions set out in paragraphs 9-13 of the report be supported;
- (iv) That copies of the zone plans be forwarded to all ward councillors encouraging them to assist community groups and individuals to become involved in the sports planning process.

Decision of the Executive Member

RESOLVED: That the advice of the Advisory Panel be accepted and endorsed.

REASON: To deliver the zone development plans.

66. WORKING TOWARDS AN INTEGRATED YOUTH SUPPORT SERVICE FOR YORK

Members received a report which outlined the developing strategies to create an Integrated Youth Support Service for the city.

The report outlined three emerging strategic developments which responded to the government priorities outlined in the green paper "Youth Matters" and which directly involved the Youth Service:

- An Integrated Youth Support Service Pilot;
- A city centre 'one-stop shop';
- A Targeted Youth Support Pathfinder.

Paragraphs 29-32 of the report detailed the funding and management issues, with revised job descriptions for the Head of Youth Service and the Youth Officer attached as Annex 1.

The government's response to the consultation on the green paper was circulated to Members for their information.

Advice of the Advisory Panel

That the Executive Member be advised:

- (i) That the report be noted;
- (ii) That the revised job descriptions for the Head of Youth Service and the Youth Officer be approved.

Decision of the Executive Member

RESOLVED: That the advice of the Advisory Panel be accepted and endorsed.

REASON: To work towards an Integrated Youth Support Service for the city.

K ORRELL
Executive Member

C HOGG
Chair of Advisory Panel
The meeting started at 5.00 pm and finished at 5.50 pm.