

Meeting	Decision Session - Executive Leader, Policy, Strategy and Partnerships
Date	19 March 2025
Present	Councillors Douglas

15. Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies.

16. Declarations of Interest

The Executive Leader was asked to declare at this point in the meeting any disclosable pecuniary interest or other registerable interest they might have in respect of business on the agenda if they had not already done so in advance on the Register of Interests. The Executive Leader had none to declared.

17. Minutes

Resolved: That the minutes of the Executive Leader, Policy, Strategy and Partnerships meeting held on 20 November 2024 be approved and then signed by the Executive Leader as a correct record.

18. Public Participation

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

19. Corporate Peer Challenge Final Report

The Chief Officer for Human Resources and Support Services introduced the report. She confirmed that the Council had received its second visit from the Local Government Association (LGA) in December 2024, that had involved reviewing the Council's progress against the recommendations set out in the Corporate Peer Challenge and the Corporate Improvement Plan. She confirmed that the LGA noted the Councils progress, including the

Council's work on engagement with partners, the Council's corporate management restructure, and how the Council was managing its objectives against its available resources.

The Executive Leader welcomed the work undertaken in the Corporate Peer Challenge and the positive feedback to the Council's actions. She noted that it had provided the Council an opportunity to review its ways of working and improve the customer experience. She confirmed that the Council would continue to seek to improve within the Council's limited resources. She welcomed the positive response regarding the restructure, the Council's engagement with the combined authority, and its budget setting processes.

Resolved:

- i. Noted and formerly approved the Local Government Association (LGA) peer teams final report following their second visit to York to conclude the Council's Corporate Peer Challenge (***Annex 1 of the report***)
- ii. Noted the progress made on the Corporate Improvement Action Plan to date (***Annex 2 of the report.***)

Reason: To make the progress made against the LGA peer review and corporate Improvement Action Plan available to the public and confirm to the LGA the Council's approval of the final report.

Cllr Douglas, Chair

[The meeting started at 10.00 am and finished at 10.12 am].