

Report of the Assistant Director (Communities, Culture & Public Realm)

## **York Learning – Strategic Plan Update and Progress Report 2015/16**

### **Summary**

1. This report presents performance data for York Learning and provides an update and progress report against the service's strategic plan. It follows on from the first report made to this committee in November 2015, which set the scene, and focuses on the first half of the academic year 2015/16.

### **Background**

2. York Learning is a council service which delivers a range of learning programmes to support people into employment, to improve their skills and to support their personal development. The service is funded almost exclusively from external contract funding and fee income. For the academic year 2015/16 this will be £2.3m. Funding for 2016/17 is expected to increase to £2.4m as the result of increases in funding for 16-18 work.
3. This report gives an overview of the service and reports on the challenges of that the service has faced over the past 12 months. It includes a detailed action plan and progress update since the plan was first presented to scrutiny. These are included at Annex 1 and 2.
4. Since the first report was presented the service has undergone a short Ofsted Inspection which resulted in the service being judged as Good. This was especially encouraging as it has been nearly 5 years since the previous inspection and confirms that the service has continued to maintain good standards of provision, despite significant changes and a number of reorganisations. The Ofsted findings are published as Annex 3.
5. The strategic plan for 2016/17 is in preparation and will be considered by the Executive Member for Culture, Leisure and Tourism in June.

## Options

6. This report is for information and there are no options to consider.

## Council Plan 2015-19

7. York Learning plan is set within the context of the council plan but also responds to a number of national policy objectives.

## Implications

8. **Finance:** The service is fully funded via external contracts and grants.
9. The report has no Human Resources, Equalities, Legal, Crime and Disorder, Information Technology, Property or other implications.

## Risk Management

10. This report is for information and there are no risks to consider.

## Recommendations

11. That Members comment upon the performance of York Learning and seek clarification on any areas of concern.

Reason: To help monitor the service and ensure robust governance arrangements.

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Wards Affected:

All



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## Annexes

- Annex 1 - Strategic/Service Plan 2015/16
- Annex 2 - Update report
- Annex 3 - Ofsted Report Findings and update