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Learning & Culture Overview & Scrutiny Committee   22 March 2017

Report of the Assistant Director Legal and Governance

Update on Implementation of Recommendations from Previously Completed 'Disabled Access to York's Heritage & Cultural Offer' Scrutiny Review

Summary

1. This report provides Members with a further update on the implementation of the outstanding recommendations arising from a previously completed scrutiny review on Disabled Access to York's Heritage & Cultural Offer. The final report for the review can be viewed at: Scrutiny Review Final Reports

2. Members are asked to sign off all outstanding recommendations now considered to be fully implemented.

Background to Disabled Access Scrutiny Review

3. In June 2014 this Committee agreed to proceed with a scrutiny topic proposed by Cllr Neil Barnes to review disabled access to York's heritage and cultural offer, with the aim of improving access for all. The following objectives were agreed for the review:

   i. To understand legal requirements & identify best practice from elsewhere

   ii. To assess current levels of access for those with a range of impairments

   iii. To identify possible improvements and barriers

   iv. Facilitate the sharing of good practice across York's network of providers

4. A Task Group was formed and at the same time they were undertaking the review, the Council was in the process of developing a new approach to delivering marketing, culture, tourism and business development in the

city, which led to the creation of a new organisation - 'Make it York'. As a result, in March 2015 when the final report was presented to the Learning & Culture Overview & Scrutiny Committee, some of the recommendations were designated for the Council - these were approved by Cabinet in April 2015. The remaining recommendations were endorsed by the Cabinet and subsequently presented to 'Make it York' for their consideration.

5. This Committee received its first update on the implementation of the recommendations in March 2016, which resulted in a number of the recommendations being signed off as fully implemented. The Committee received a further update in September 2016, and at that time were able to sign off more of the outstanding recommendations, leaving the four recommendations shown in Annex A.

6. The Committee requested a further update on the remaining recommendations be provided in six months time – see Annexes A - D.

Options

7. Members may choose to sign off any individual recommendation where implementation has now been completed, and can:

   a. Request further updates and the attendance of the relevant officers at a future meeting to clarify any outstanding recommendations

   b. Agree no further updates are required

Council Plan 2011-15

8. The Disabled Access Review supported the Council's priority to protect vulnerable people. This was a priority within the Council Plan 2011-15, which was in place at the time the review were undertaken.

Implications

9. There are no known Financial, Human Resources, Equalities, Legal, ICT or other implications associated with the recommendations made in this report.

Risk Management

10. In compliance with the Council's risk management strategy, there are no known risks associated with this report.

Recommendations

11. Members are asked to note the contents of this report and:

    i.   Sign off any recommendations that have now been fully implemented.

    ii.   Agree whether a further update is required in 6 months time.

    Reason: To raise awareness of those recommendations which are still to be fully implemented.

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Wards Affected: **All**   ☑

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Background Papers: None

Annexes:

Annexes A-D – Implementation Update on Outstanding Disabled Access Review Recommendations

Report Abbreviations: N/A