

Report of the Assistant Director (Lifelong Learning and Culture)

**YORK MUSEUMS TRUST: REVIEW OF THE PERFORMANCE DELIVERY PLAN
(2008-13)**

Summary

1. This report asks the Executive Member to agree a new Performance Delivery Plan for the York Museums Trust for the period 2008 to 2013.

Background

2. The Partnership Delivery Plan (PDP) is a joint agreement between the Council and the York Museums Trust. It sets out:
 - the key objectives of the partnership
 - performance targets and indicators to be met by the Trust and Council
 - performance information to be provided
 - review and reporting procedures
 - partnership arrangements between the Council and the Trust
 - arrangements for the operation of the Yorkshire Museums Gardens
3. The original PDP was written in 2002 and covered the first five years of the Trust. The Funding Agreement provides a process whereby it will be formally reviewed by the Council and the Trust at the end of those five years to create a plan for the next five years. Continued funding has already been approved by the Executive for this period.

Consultation

4. This advisory panel received a report in December last year inviting views about issues that should be taken account of in renewing the PDP. Key issues raised at that meeting were:
 - The need to improve storage facilities within the City
 - The potential for York Museums Trust to take a more significant city leadership role on behalf of the Council in co-ordinating the city's heritage sector
 - The potential for friends and volunteering schemes
 - The need for investment into the Castle Museum

- Development of a 'History of York' brand that could be applied to all different media
5. Discussion with YMT over the subsequent period has focussed on these issues and they are reflected in the revised PDP (attached at Annex A).

Options

6. The new PDP must be in place by 1 April 2008. There is further opportunity to redraft the agreement in the light of any final comments or issues raised by members at the meeting.

Corporate Objectives

7. YMT's business plan contributes to a number of corporate objectives including developing opportunities for residents and visitors to experience York as a vibrant and eventful city, improving opportunities for learning, and in strengthening York's economy through investment in the tourism infrastructure. Reinvestment in the museums is an identified priority within the sub-regional investment plan.

Implications

8. The report has no additional implications relating to:
 - Finance (see *York Museums Trust Funding: Report to the Executive – 30 May, 2006*)
 - Human Resources
 - Equalities
 - Legal
 - Crime and Disorder
 - Information Technology

Risk Management

9. In compliance with the Council's risk management strategy there are no risks associated with the recommendations of this report.

Recommendations

10. The Executive Member is asked to approve the new Partnership Delivery Plan.

Reason: So that agreed targets and objectives for the partnership can be put in place for the period 2008-13.

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Approved

Wards Affected:

All

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Background Papers:

York Museums Trust: Review Of The Performance Delivery Plan (2008-13): Report to the Executive Member for Leisure and Culture - 5 December, 2006

York Museums Trust Funding: Report to the Executive – 30 May, 2006

Annexes

Annex A Performance Delivery Plan 2008-13