

Meeting	Decision Session - Executive Member For Culture, Leisure & Tourism
Date	28 November 2016
Present	Councillor Ayre

#### **16. Declarations of Interest**

At this point in the meeting, the Executive Member was asked to declare any personal, prejudicial or disclosable pecuniary interests not included on the Register of Interests that he might have had in the business on the agenda. None were declared.

#### **17. Minutes**

Resolved: That the minutes of the Decision Session held on 23 September be approved and then signed by the Executive Member 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. National Trading Standards and eCrime Team Update**

The Executive Member considered a report which updated him on the on the activities of the National Trading Standards Regional Scambuster Team and National Trading Standards eCrime Team hosted by City of York Council (Scambusters). It also asked him to approve an updated enforcement policy for investigations carried out by Scambusters.

The Head of Regional Investigations gave a brief background to the report and responded to questions from the Executive Member. He stated that monies recovered via the Proceeds of Crime Act (POCA) were used by the City of York Council to fund local crime initiatives such as the Safer York Partnership and Community Safety Teams, which was in keeping with Home Office guidance as to how this money should be spent.

The following options were considered by the Executive Member:

Option 1

To note the report and approve the updated enforcement policy in Annex B.

Option 2

To note the report but not to approve the updated enforcement policy in Annex B.

Resolved: That the Executive Member noted the report and approved the updated enforcement policy.

Reason: To update the Executive Member on the activities of National Trading Standards Regional Scambuster Team and National Trading Standards eCrime Team hosted by City of York Council (Scambusters) and to ensure the enforcement policy reflects the changes to council structures to reduce the possibility of legal challenge.

Councillor Ayre, Executive Member  
[The meeting started at 3.40 pm and finished at 3.55 pm].