
MEETING	DECISION SESSION - EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR LEISURE CULTURE & SOCIAL INCLUSION
DATE	12 JANUARY 2010
PRESENT	COUNCILLORS AYRE (EXECUTIVE MEMBER)

9. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were invited to declare at this point in the meeting any personal or prejudicial interests they might have in the business on the agenda.

None were declared.

10. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Decision Session – Executive Member for Leisure, Culture and Social Inclusion meeting held on 8 December 2009 be signed and approved as a correct record by the Chair.

11. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - DECISION SESSION

It had been reported that there had been one registration to speak at the meeting under the Council's Public Participation Scheme.

A Unison Representative spoke on item 4, 21st Century Learning: 21st Century Libraries Taking the Vision Forward.

She informed Members that she had been in consultation with the Head of Library Services regarding the staffing structures and had made her representations to him. She confirmed that the report had many positive outcomes such as:

- The Archive and Library Service would be a fully integrated team.
- The re-introducing of Librarians into the Service.
- Learning opportunities available for adults, older people and people with learning disabilities.

She also discussed the issues that still needed to be addressed such as:

- Children and Young People were not mentioned in the report.
- Job descriptions. Staff should be given additional time to speak on their job description.
- Concerns on grades of some of the posts.
- Concerns on the regrades and costings.
- More training for staff and management.

12. 21ST CENTURY LEARNING: 21ST CENTURY LIBRARIES - TAKING THE VISION FORWARD.

The Executive Member for Children and Young People's Services joined the meeting for this item only.

The Executive Members considered a report that asked them to agree the new staffing structures for the Library and Archive Service.

Officers gave a brief update and thanked the Unison Rep for her comments and for her consultation throughout this process. In answer to some of her questions officers confirmed that the report did not cover Children and Young people because the remit was to take adult learning forward although Children and Young people would still be a key part of the delivery. She confirmed that training would be available to staff as a designated post had been put in place to deliver training and they would have a strong commitment to management training.

The Executive Member for Children and Young People's Services stated that she would continue to work with officers to take this forward. She addressed her support for adult learning and how e-learning would be a good way for adults and adults with disabilities to access learning.

The Executive Member for Leisure, Culture and Social Inclusion thanked offices for the work they had done on this vision, which had proved to be a real success story in the city. He stated that residents would be given a greater variety of provision and a real opportunity to shape their own learning within their communities. He felt the restructure would show a real benefit to residents and staff and it would allow staff to spend more time with the customer. He confirmed his support for the new posts and agreed that the Business Development Manager should address the ongoing issues with the revenue income.

Both Members welcomed the secured future of the Bookstart project.

- RESOLVED:
- i) That the Executive Member for Leisure, Culture and Social Inclusion approves the new staffing structure for the Library and Archive Service set out in Annex A.
 - ii) That the Executive Member for Children and Young People's Services approves the new staffing structure for the Adult and Community Education Services set out in Annex B.

REASON: So that the 21st Century Learning; 21st Century Libraries vision may be taken forward effectively.

13. INVESTMENT IN COMMUNITY FACILITIES £200K FUND: A REVISED SCHEME FOR THE MELBOURNE CENTRE

Officers requested that this item be deferred to allow further discussions to take place with Blueberry Academy in order to seek clarification regarding the core activities that they propose and their business plan.

RESOLVED: That the Executive Member agrees to defer this item until the next meeting.

REASON: To allow further discussions to take place with Blueberry Academy in order to seek clarification regarding the core activities that they propose and their business plan

14. THE WILLIAM REED TRUST

The Executive Member considered a report that asked him to agree to extend the objects of the William Reed Trust to include conservation and spend the trust's permanent endowment as well as the accrued interest using the powers provided by sections 75a and 74c of the Charities Act 1993 as altered by the Charities Act 2006.

Officers confirmed that the Trust had been in place since 1892 and very little had been spent from the fund since 1987 which is why the interest had accumulated to just over £18,000. He confirmed that the York Museum Trust were proposing to conserve the Ichthyosaur fossil, a giant sea-creature, as part of the redisplay of the Yorkshire Museum. It is estimated the cost of this process will be in excess of £20K. Officers confirmed that the Museum would raise the additional funding.

RESOLVED: The Executive Member agreed to:

- i) change the charitable objectives of the William Reed Trust to include conservation of fossils using the powers provided by sections 74c of the Charities Act 1993 as altered by the Charities Act 2006
- ii) spend the fund's endowment as well as the accrued interest using the powers provided by sections 75a of the Charities Act 1993 as altered by the Charities Act 2006.

REASON: To facilitate conservation of the Ichthyosaur in the collection of the Yorkshire Museum.

Cllr Ayre, Chair

[The meeting started at 4.15 pm and finished at 4.45 pm].