

Meeting	Decision Session - Executive Member for Housing and Safer Neighbourhoods
Date	20 July 2015
Present	Councillor Carr
In Attendance	Councillor Boyce

1. Declarations of Interest

At this point in the meeting, the Executive Member was asked to declare any personal, prejudicial or pecuniary interests in the business on the agenda. None were declared.

2. Minutes

Resolved: That the minutes of the Cabinet Member for Communities Decision Session held on 18 March 2015 be approved and signed by the Executive Member as a correct record.

3. Public Participation

It was reported that there had been no registrations to speak under the Council's Public Participation Scheme.

4. Annual Homeless Report 2014/15

The Executive Member considered a report that highlighted the activity governed by the Housing Act 1996, the Homelessness Act 2002 and the City of York Council's Homelessness Strategy 2013-2018 in respect of the financial year 2014/15.

Officers gave an update and confirmed when working in statutory homelessness:

- The number of households in temporary accommodation and the number of homeless acceptances had reduced.
- The homeless acceptance figures in York had lowered but nationally had risen.
- Rough sleepers in York had increased from 9 to 13.

Officers highlighted their main priorities for 2015/16 which included an interim homeless strategy review.

In answer to the Executive Members questions it was confirmed that the number of people currently living in statutory temporary accommodation had surpassed the 2014/15 target.

The Executive Member noted the achievements and thanked officers for the level of improvements made.

Resolved:

- (i) That the contents of the report be noted
- (ii) That the priorities for 2015/16 as set out in paragraph 13 of the report, the targets and the forthcoming plan be agreed

Reason: To ensure the council continues to meet its statutory responsibilities and supports the most vulnerable in society.

Cllr Carr, Executive Member

[The meeting started at 10.00 am and finished at 10.05 am].