

York Learning – Strategic Plan Update & Progress Report 2016/17

Summary

1. This report presents performance data for York Learning and provides an update and progress report against the service's strategic plan. It is one of two reports due for consideration by this committee, the other one being due in June 2017. This report focuses on the initial performance since August 2016. It also presents the service initial findings for its annual Self Assessment Report, prior to this being presented to the Executive Member in December 2016.
2. These two reports form part of the service's governance arrangements which are crucially important for the service in demonstrating to Ofsted that it has secure and robust governance arrangements in place.

Recommendations

3. Members are asked to:
 - Comment upon the performance of York Learning and seek clarification on any areas of concern
 - Consider the initial findings of the services self assessment report and make comments and recommendations for consideration by the executive member.

Reason: To help monitor the service and ensure robust governance arrangements.

Background

4. York Learning is a council service which delivers a range of learning programmes to support people into employment, to improve their skills and to support their personal development. The service is funded almost exclusively from external contract funding and fee income. For the academic year 2016/17 this will be £2.45m, an increase of about £130k on the

previous year. Most of this increase has been in funding to support 19-25 year olds with high needs support provided via a sub- contract with Blueberry Academy.

5. Annex A gives the context and overview of the service, sets out the challenges the service has faced over the past 12 months and the high level activity of the service for the next 12 months. A detailed action plan and progress update is included as Annex B.
6. In addition to the report there is a detailed breakdown of income streams for the service. This was requested by members at the last scrutiny committee and is presented for information and comment. This is primarily a financial year income report but should not vary considerably for the academic year. This is included as Annex C.
7. This report also presents a digest of the services Self Assessment Report (see Annex D). Primarily the high level information and judgements. A more detailed curriculum level report underpins this and is used to develop a detailed improvement plan for each area of the service. This report is still a draft report and following any recommendations from this committee will be presented to the executive member for sign off in December 2016.
8. The strategic plan for 2016/17 was considered and agreed by the Executive Member for Leisure Culture and Tourism in June 2016.

Options

9. This report is for information and there are no options to consider.

Council Plan 2015-19

10. York Learning plan is set within the context of the council plan but also responds to a number of sub regional, regional and national policy objectives.

Implications

11. **Finance:** The service is fully funded via external contracts and grants.
12. The report has no Human Resources, Equalities, Legal, Crime and Disorder, Information Technology, Property or other implications.

Risk Management

13. This report is for information and there are no risks to consider.

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All



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Background Papers: None

Annexes

Annex A – Strategic/Service Plan 2016/17

Annex B – Update report on progress

Annex C – Service income financial year 16/17

Annex D – Self Assessment Report