

**Notice of meeting of  
Learning & Culture Overview & Scrutiny Committee**

**To:** Councillors Reid (Chair), Cunningham-Cross (Vice-Chair), Brooks, Fitzpatrick, Jeffries, Levene, Taylor, Watson, Barber (Co-opted Statutory Member) and Widdowson (Co-opted Statutory Member)

**Date:** Wednesday, 21 March 2012

**Time:** 5.00 pm

**Venue:** Guildhall, York

**AGENDA**

- 1. Declarations of Interest** (Pages 3 - 4)  
At this point Members are asked to declare any personal or prejudicial interests they may have in relation to the business on the agenda or any other general interests they may have within the remit of the Committee, other than those standing interests listed in the agenda.
- 2. Minutes** (Pages 5 - 8)  
To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 29 February 2012.

### **3. Public Participation**

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### **4. York Museums Trust Scrutiny Review Presentation & Partnership Delivery Plan Performance Update**

Members are to receive a presentation from the York Museums Trust, in support of their scrutiny review to determine whether York Museums Trust has achieved appropriate collections management standards, in line with the Collections Loan Agreement and Collections Management Protocol agreed in 2002.

### **5. 2011/12 Third Quarter Financial Monitoring Report - Lifelong Learning & Culture and Children & Young People's Services** (Pages 9 - 16)

This report analyses the latest performance for 2011/12 and forecasts the financial outturn position by reference to the service plan and budgets for all of the relevant services falling under the responsibility of the Director of Adults, Children & Education and the Director of Communities & Neighbourhoods.

**6. Update on Implementation of (Pages 17 - 26)  
Recommendations arising from a  
Previously Completed Scrutiny Review on  
Cultural Quarter & Casual Play**

This report provides Members with an update on the implementation of the outstanding recommendations arising from the previously completed scrutiny reviews which fall within the remit of this overview & scrutiny committee.

**7. Attendance of the Cabinet Member for  
Education, Children & Young People's  
Services & Chair of Learning City**

The Cabinet Member for Education, Children and Young People's Services will attend the meeting to give a verbal update on the work within her portfolio area. The Chair of Learning City will also be in attendance to give an annual update.

**8. Learning and Culture Overview and (Pages 27 - 28)  
Scrutiny Committee Workplan 2011-12**

Members are asked to consider the Committee's workplan for the 2011-12 municipal year.

**9. Urgent Business**

Any other business which the Chair considers urgent under the Local Government Act 1972

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- Review existing policies and assist in the development of new ones, as necessary; and
- Monitor best value continuous service improvement plans

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**Learning and Culture Overview & Scrutiny Committee 2011-12****Agenda Item 1 – Declarations of Interest**

Please state any amendments you have to your declarations of interest.

Committee Members

Cllr Fitzpatrick	Member of York Theatre Royal Board.
Councillor Brooks	A regular communicant of the Church of England. Member of St Nicholas Church in Dunnington and the Parochial Church Council. Her son is a novice with a Roman Catholic order

Substitutes

Councillor Hodgson	Employee of the Defence Business Services that deal with CRB checks.
Councillor Douglas	Is a parent of a child that attends a York primary school.

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City of York Council

Committee Minutes

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MEETING	LEARNING & CULTURE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
DATE	29 FEBRUARY 2012
PRESENT	COUNCILLORS REID (CHAIR), CUNNINGHAM-CROSS (VICE-CHAIR), BROOKS, FITZPATRICK, JEFFRIES, LEVENE, TAYLOR AND WATSON

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**39. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

At this point in the meeting, Members were asked to declare any personal or prejudicial interests they might have in relation to the business on the agenda or any other general interests they might have within the remit of the Committee.

Councillor Taylor declared a personal non prejudicial interest in agenda item 4 (Presentation on Managing Public Parks) as he is a member of the St Nicholas Fields Management Committee.

**40. MINUTES**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of the Learning and Culture Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 25 January 2012 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

The Scrutiny Officer circulated a copy of the final report on the Review of Demographics in York Schools (Minute 35 refers) to the Committee for information.

**41. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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

**42. PRESENTATION ON MANAGING PUBLIC PARKS**

Members received a presentation from the Head of Parks and Open Spaces on the management of public parks by the City of

York Council, in support of the Committee's proposed scrutiny review.

He provided Members with information about the Green Flag Award, a national accreditation scheme whereby parks are judged by external peers on a number of themes.

Members were reminded that issues around public parks had been raised at last year's scrutiny work planning event by Councillor Barnes due to concerns over proposed cuts affecting Hull Road Park. Members acknowledged that Hull Road Park had been seen as a "Cinderella Park" in comparison to other parks such as Rowntree Park which had been awarded Green Flag status. However they noted that Hull Road Park had benefited from improvements during the past year. As a result of the information provided during the presentation, Member agreed a scrutiny review on the management of public parks was not required.

However, Members expressed interest in visiting both Hull Road Park and Rowntree Park to see how the parks now compared. The Head of Parks and Open Spaces advised Members that the cafe at Rowntree Park was currently being rebuilt/refurbished and suggested Members may wish to wait until later in the year to undertake their visits when this work would be complete.

RESOLVED: That a review on the management of public parks not be undertaken at the current time.

REASON: To ensure compliance with scrutiny procedures and protocols.

**43. LEARNING AND CULTURE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORKPLAN 2011-12**

Members considered the committee's work plan for the remainder of the 2011-12 municipal year.

Members were advised that in addition to those items listed on the work plan, the Cabinet Member for Education, Children and Young People's Services would be in attendance at the next meeting.

The Assistant Director (Lifelong Learning and Culture) advised Members that the Chief Executive of York Museums Trust

(YMT) apologised for the fact that she would not be able to attend the next meeting to present the YMT Partnership Delivery Plan Update Report as she had to attend a Trustees Meeting. However she confirmed that she would prepare a written update for inclusion in the agenda papers. The Assistant Director stated that if Members would like to commence the YMT review on collections management at this meeting, the YMT Collections Manager would be happy to attend the meeting. Members confirmed they were happy with this arrangement.

The Scrutiny Officer confirmed that the next meeting, on 21 March, was currently the last meeting scheduled in the calendar for the current municipal year. The Chair suggested that it would be beneficial for the committee to meet again before the end of the municipal year and requested that a meeting be arranged during the first two weeks of May.

RESOLVED: (a) That the work plan be updated as detailed above.

(b) That a further meeting be arranged to take place at the beginning of May and Members be consulted on suitable dates.

REASON: To progress the work of the committee.

#### **44. ATTENDANCE OF THE CHAIR OF YORK@LARGE**

The Chair of York@Large attended the meeting to discuss the ongoing work of York@Large and how it works with the Council and other partners to deliver joint services.

She explained that since her presentation to the Committee a year ago, York@Large had had a busy and active year contributing to the City's strategic discussions around economic resilience and sustainability together with social wellbeing, and she updated Members on their achievements under the following 5 priority areas:

- Priority 1 International recognition for the City's culture and heritage
- Priority 2 Support a diverse, inclusive and cosmopolitan culture

- Priority 3 Encourage more people more often to get involved in cultural activities
- Priority 4 Create High Quality Public Spaces
- Priority 5 Promote York as a creative city

A full copy of the information provided at the meeting has been published with the online agenda on the Council's website.

The Chair of York@Large responded to Members queries regarding specific issues which were raised during the discussion which included the following:

- Festivals – concern raised that some of the smaller festivals could get overlooked as a result of focusing on 5 major festivals. It was noted that all festivals would be encouraged but York@Large would be working with the tourism industry to promote some festivals at international level (priority 1)
- Holocaust Memorial Day commemorations – Members were advised that the programme has changed beyond all recognition due to support from partners.
- York Stories – Councillors would be asked to provide their own "York Story" during the coming months
- York 800 Events – Members suggested it would be useful to keep a record of those events which are specific to York 800 to distinguish from other events which are taking place but would take place in any year.
- Buskival – will take place during June. Normal busking acts would be suspended and there will be specific busking points to make it more of a show and so acts could be judged.

Members were then given the opportunity to view the York 800 DVD.

RESOLVED: That the update on York@Large be noted.

REASON: In order that Members are kept informed on work undertaken by the Council's strategic partners.

Councillor Reid, Chair

[The meeting started at 4.30 pm and finished at 6.15 pm].



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## **Learning & Culture Overview & Scrutiny Committee    21 March 2012**

Report of the Director of Adults, Children & Education and the Director of Communities & Neighbourhoods

### **2011/12 THIRD QUARTER FINANCIAL MONITORING REPORT – LIFELONG LEARNING & CULTURE AND CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES**

#### **Summary**

- 1 This report analyses the latest performance for 2011/12 and forecasts the financial outturn position by reference to the service plan and budgets for all of the relevant services falling under the responsibility of the Director of Adults, Children & Education and the Director of Communities & Neighbourhoods.

#### **Financial Analysis**

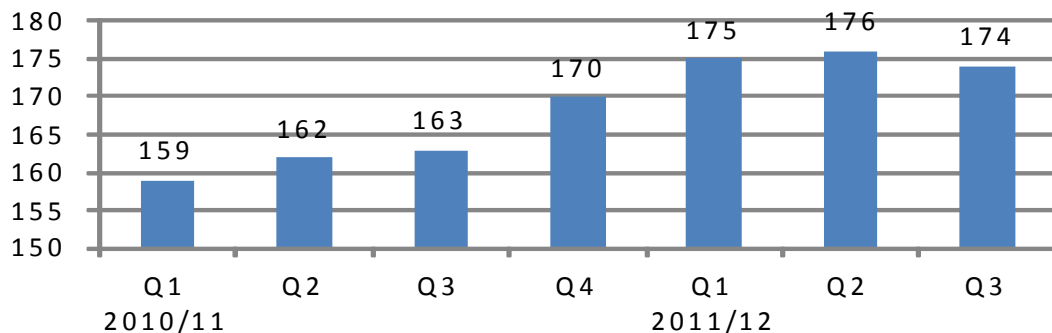
- 2 Communities & Neighbourhoods are predicting an underspend within Lifelong Learning & Culture of £100k, compared to an overspend of £176k at the last monitor. Underspends are now forecast in the majority of service areas due to actions taken to reduce spend. This is partly offset by a projected overspend within Arts and Culture Education (£187k) which is a result of the restructure going live from the beginning of the academic year and one off redundancy costs.
- 3 Within Children & Young People's budgets a net overspend of £608k is predicted, made up of the following significant variations:
- 4 The number of children currently under the care of the council is considerably higher than predicted when the 2011-12 budget was set and as a result is contributing to the directorate's financial pressures. This increased caseload has resulted in additional in-year staffing costs (£317k) and increased legal costs (£133k). There are also currently 29 Special Guardianship Orders in place creating a financial pressure of £110k. The table below demonstrates the year-on-year increase in Looked After Children and associated financial costs.

### Numbers and average cost of Looked After Children in York

Year	No. of LAC	%change	Budget	Actual	Cost per Child	%change
2006-07	157	12%	£1,972,780	£2,998,715	£19,100	N/A
2007-08	168	7%	£3,083,130	£3,345,742	£19,915	4%
2008-09	199	16%	£3,468,020	£3,833,682	£19,265	-3%
2009-10	223	11%	£3,578,760	£4,501,280	£20,185	5%
2010-11	236	6%	£4,759,490	£4,666,303	£19,772	-2%
2011-12 (Q3)	255	7%	£4,326,600	£5,021,690	£19,693	0%

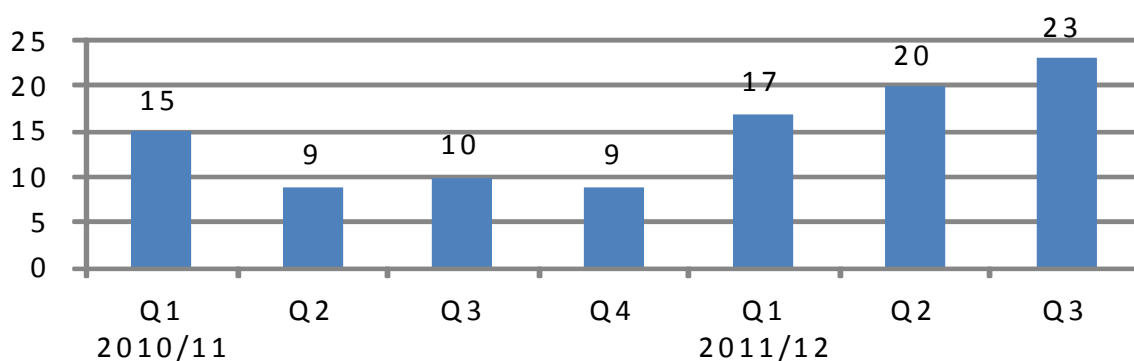
- 5 The number of children in local foster placements has increased from 162 when the budget for 2011/12 was set, to the present figure of 174, which is creating a pressure of £226k. A comprehensive programme of prevention to address growing LAC population was launched at a directorate event in December 11. Programme boards currently being established to deliver changes. The table below shows the increase on a quarter by quarter basis.

#### Number of Local Foster Placements



- 6 There is an ongoing need for 20 Independent Fostering Agency beds which is expected to exceed that provided for in the budget creating a pressure of £199k. A weekly review of the children in these placements by the senior management team has been initiated to expedite their return to local placements as soon as possible. Any moves are always for the child's benefit. The table below shows the increase on a quarter by quarter basis.

### Number of Fostering (IFA) Placements



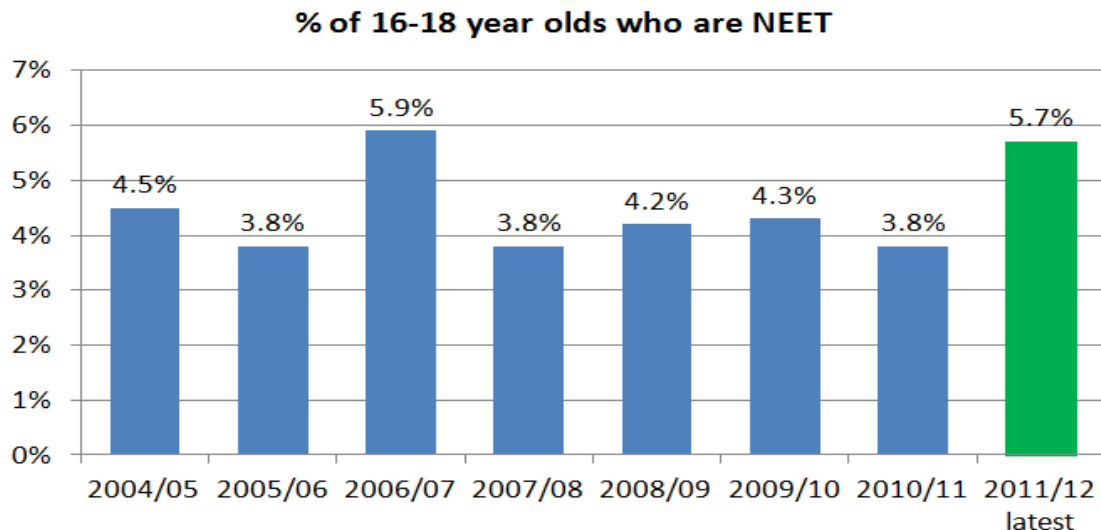
- 7 Delays in delivering the expected saving on Home to School transport (£221k) add to the overall pressures. Underspends on some previous year grant allocations can now be used to offset some of these expenditure pressures (£406k). Other mitigating savings of £192k result from restrictions on expenditure in place across the directorate along with a range of more minor variations across the service
- 8 As well as a vacancy freeze and a moratorium on non essential expenditure, the directorate is also assessing 2012/13 savings proposals that could be brought forward in order to help bring the budget back in line by the end of the financial year.

### Performance Analysis

- 9 *Children's Services*: awarded four stars (excellent) in the annual review (York is the only council, outside London, to be consistently awarded top marks during their Children Services assessment). However, there are some areas where performance is lower than the target, due to the impact of change initiatives and increasing service volumes.
- 10 *Educational attainment*: York continues to improve in the attainment areas of key stage 4 (GCSEs) and key stage 2:
- 62.1% of pupils achieved 5+ A\*-C grades, including English & Maths (+3% from 09/10).
  - 27.8% of pupils achieved Level 5+ in both English and Maths (+3.6% from 09/10).
- 11 *The attainment gap* between children on free school meals (FSM) and those who are not, at KS4 has reduced. This is due to significant improvements in the results across a number of schools, especially *York High* where more than half of FSM children achieved 5+A\*-C grades. The KS2 attainment gap has however increased this year after a

significant improvement last year and is a major priority for school improvement work in the coming year.

- 12 *NEETS*: The provisional NEET figure for Q3 shows the expected drop to target levels of 5.7%, which is an excellent result in the current economic climate. Whilst we cannot directly compare ourselves with others as yet, other NEET information does show York performing well above the Y&H region average, placed joint second with East Riding, just under NYCC.



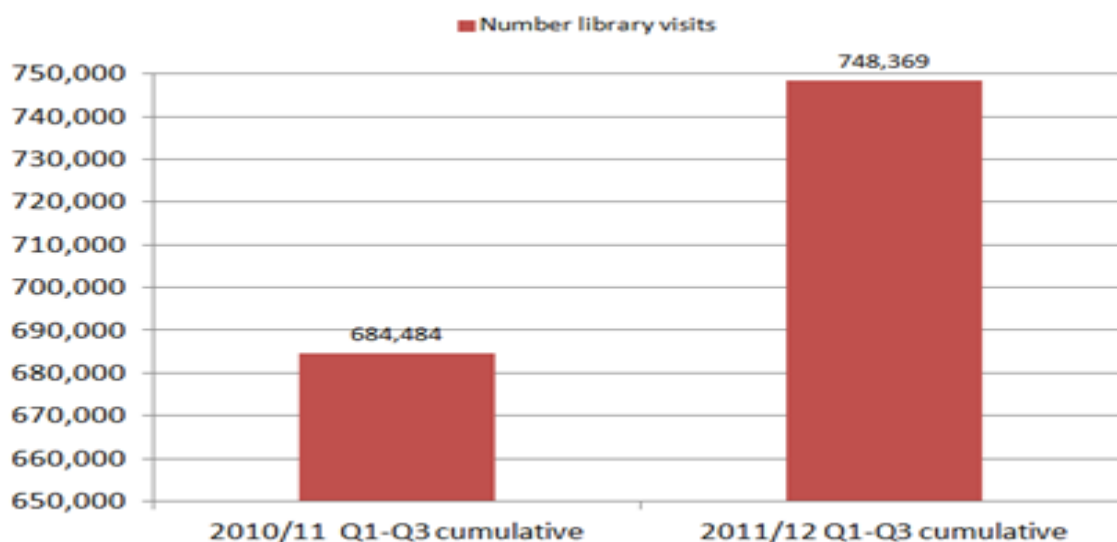
- 13 However, this figure does hide some issues with progression, retention and rising NEETs amongst young people who are Learners with Learning Difficulties or Disabilities (LLDD) particularly those who have emotional and behavioural difficulties
- 14 *Child Social Care*:
- The number of child protection plans (CPP) lasting 2 years or more has reduced to 0.8% compared to 3.9% in 2010/11.
  - Just 24 children (just under 15%) have been subject to a CPP for the second or more time (an improvement from 18.6% in Q2) against a target of 7.
  - However, for both these areas, it should be noted that this small cohort is made up of some large sibling groups, and as such changes to numbers do have a significant impact upon the percentages. Services are confident that appropriate decision making at point of deregistration was undertaken, and significant and unpredictable causes / circumstances leading to re-registration could not have been foreseen.
  - Total numbers of out of authority placements reducing due to enhanced local provision (see para 63).
- 15 *Parenting programmes*: There has been a better than expected take up of the parenting programmes this year (376 to date - annual target of



300). Although there has been limited capacity to deliver parenting programmes this quarter, the service continues to meet the need.

- 16 *The York Education Partnership* has been established to develop the overall strategic direction of 0-19 education policy in York, replacing the existing Schools Forum arrangements. £1,200k savings have been generated through the restructure of the School Improvement Service, as part of the development of the new partnership.
- 17 *Cultural and sports*: Library visits for the year (April – December 2011) have increased by 9% over last year (748,369 compared to 684,484 in 2010/11). Although predicted to exceed last year’s final outturn, visitor numbers are not expected to reach this year’s ambitious target.

### Library visits



- 18 Visits to swimming and sport centres continue to decline slightly, in line with the national trend in swimming participation. The opening of the new competition standard swimming pool at York Sports Village in partnership with York University is expected to significantly boost participation.

### Council Plan

- 19 The information included in this report demonstrates progress on achieving the council’s corporate priorities for 2011-2015 and in particular; priority 1 ‘Create jobs and grow the economy’; priority 3 ‘Build strong communities’; 4 ‘Protect Vulnerable People’.

## **Implications**

- 20 The financial implications are covered within the main body of the report. There are no significant human resources, equalities, legal, information technology, property or crime & disorder implications arising from this report.

## **Risk Management**

- 21 A number of budgets are under pressure, particularly within Children & Young People's Services. On going work within the directorate may identify some efficiency savings in services that could be used to offset these cost pressures before the end of the financial year. It will also be important to understand the level of investment needed to hit performance targets and meet rising demand for key statutory services. Managing within the approved budget for 2011/12 is therefore going to be extremely difficult and the management teams will continue to review expenditure across the directorates.

## **Recommendations**

- 22 As this report is for information only there are no specific recommendations.

Reason: To update the committee on the latest financial and performance position for 2011/12.

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**Report  
Approved**

**Date** *09 March 2012*

**Specialist Implications Officer(s)** None

**Wards Affected:** *List wards or tick box to indicate all*

**All**

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**Background Papers**

2011/12 Finance and Performance Monitor 3, Cabinet 15 February 2012

**Annexes**

None

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**Learning & Culture Overview & Scrutiny Committee****21 March 2012**

Report of the Assistant Director, Governance &amp; ITT

**Update on Implementation of Recommendations arising from a Previously Completed Scrutiny Review on Cultural Quarter & Casual Play****Summary**

1. This report provides Members with an update on the implementation of the outstanding recommendations arising from the previously completed scrutiny reviews which fall within the remit of this overview & scrutiny committee. All other completed reviews that fall within this committee's remit have previously been signed off as complete.

**Background**

2. Cultural Quarter Review  
The topic was originally registered in early 2008 by Councillor Hogg to examine the 'Vision' developed in 2007 for a Cultural Quarter for York, linking the city centre with development sites in York North West. Councillor Hogg suggested using the 2007 'Vision' document to explore the relationship between the six areas of the quarter including pedestrian and vehicular movement, design, open spaces, a river crossing, performance areas, lighting, landscaping, cultural production, promotion and public art.
3. The aim of the vision was to generate substantially more external funding than that which was currently being achieved through an ad hoc approach. The 'Vision' document recognised that getting the link between the city centre and York North West right, would support and guide future city centre development.
4. In coming to a decision to review the topic, the Scrutiny Management Committee (SMC) agreed to set up an Ad-hoc scrutiny committee to carry it out as at that time, there was no standing scrutiny committee with an appropriate remit. SMC recognised certain key objectives and the following remit was agreed:

Aim

To contribute towards achieving a long-term direction for the area between the National Railway Museum (NRM), York Railway Station and the Minster, and in doing so, to consider any positive and/or adverse effects on the city.

Objectives:

- i. To understand the Council's strategic approach, and that of its key partners, to the cultural design for the area.
  - ii. To contribute to a business plan for achieving the required funding for developing the area into a 'Cultural Quarter'
  - iii. To develop and establish some key principles, for guiding a collaborative approach to cultural development in the future, including connectivity to other areas of the city.
5. The recommendations arising from the review were approved by the Executive on 14 April 2009. This committee has received two previous updates on the implementation of the approved recommendations. In December 2009 the Committee agreed to sign off recommendations 4, 6 & 8 as fully completed, and in September 2011 Members signed off Recommendations 1, 5 & 7. This leaves two recommendations outstanding for which this report provides a further update at Annex A.
6. Casual Play Review  
In October 2009, this committee considered a possible scrutiny topic submitted by Cllr Looker (in relation to casual play opportunities for young children, with a focus on the city centre. In deciding to proceed with the review, Members agreed that it should include a comparison between a city centre area and a village location, and should focus on play opportunities (for children within the age range of 5-11 years) rather than just play equipment.
7. In coming to that decision, this Committee recognised certain key objectives and the following remit was agreed:

Aim

To participate in the consultation on the revisions to CYC's Play Policy, and carry out a comparison of the play opportunities for 5-13yr olds, within a number of residential areas/wards (one city centre, one suburban and one village)

**Objectives:**

- i. to understand the different types of provision suitable for each type of area
  - ii. to assess the potential space within the identified areas/wards that could be utilised for play
  - ii. to recommend a strategy for the provision of suitable play opportunities within the identified areas
  - iii. To be consulted on the revisions to the Council's play policy and if appropriate, the Local Development Framework (LDF)
8. The recommendations arising from the review were approved by the Executive on 18 January 2011, and the first update on their implementation was provided in September 2011. At that time, Recommendation 1 was signed off leaving Recommendation 2 outstanding for which a further update is given in Annex B.

**Consultation**

9. The Head of Arts & Culture has provided the update information contained within Annex A, and the Head of Play & Young People's Cultural Entitlement has provided the update information contained within Annex B. Both will be present at this meeting to answer any questions arising.

**Options**

10. Members may decide to sign off any individual recommendations where implementation has been completed, and can:
- a. request further updates and the attendance of the relevant officers at a future meeting to clarify any outstanding recommendations relating to the above reviews or;
  - b. agree to receive no further updates on those reviews

**Council Plan**

11. The process of monitoring and ensuring the implementation of the approved recommendations arising from both these reviews, will contribute to making York a 'City of Culture' in line with the council's priority to:

'Inspire residents and visitors to free their creative talents and make York the most active city in the country, by providing high quality cultural and sporting activities for all'

12. In regard to the Casual Play review, it also supports the Council's aim to make York a 'Healthy City' by improving the provision of facilities for children and teenagers to participate in active play.

### **Implications**

13. There are no known Financial, Human Resources, Equalities, Legal, ITT or Other implications connected to this report.

### **Risk Management**

14. In compliance with the Council's risk management strategy, there are no known risks associated with this report.

### **Recommendations**

15. Members are asked to note the contents of this report and agree which of the recommendations can be written off as fully implemented.

Reason: To raise awareness of those recommendations which have still to be implemented.

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**Report Approved**  **Date** March 2012

**Wards Affected:**

**All**



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**Background Papers:** None

**Annex A** – Update on Cultural Quarter Scrutiny Review

**Annex B** – Update on Casual Play Review



## Update on Implementation of Approved Recommendations Arising From Cultural Quarter Scrutiny Review

Scrutiny Recommendation	Update on Implementation 10 December 2010	Update on Implementation 28 September 2011	Update on Implementation March 2012
<p>2, That with the backing of partner organisations*, the Chief Executive of CYC opens negotiations with Yorkshire Forward &amp; other appropriate public bodies with regard to funding the proposed cultural master plan for the city and seeking major investment for realising the opportunities available for improvements to the public realm and civic spaces.</p> <p><b>Actions arising</b> - That the Chief Exec &amp; Leader include reference to the 'Cultural Quarter' in discussions with Yorkshire Forward and the Development of the Geographic Programme for York, and that there is a clear reference document on plans for a Cultural Quarter.</p>	<p>Support for specific projects within the Cultural Quarter &amp; for the production of an economic master plan for the city has been identified through talks with Yorkshire Forward on the Geographic Programme for York. This is being progressed through the Renaissance Team (with funding from English Heritage and Yorkshire Forward) and the Cultural Quarter area has been included as a focus within their brief. They will also be producing a design master plan for the city centre.</p>	<p>New City Beautiful, -A Vision for York has been produced and published.</p> <p>Actions under this are now being taken forward by City Strategy.</p>	<p>This is included within the City Centre Development Plan being taken forward by City Strategy. This team are currently working developing preferred options which will then go for Consultation in May / June 2012. Once the preferred option is worked up into a site plan this will have its public consultation in early 2013. Adoption and implementation following the inspectors report is not expected until the end of 2013.</p>

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<p>3 In view of the fact that development of the York North West site will create more traffic both vehicular and pedestrian, it is recommended that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. substantial improvements are made to the area known as 'Marble Arch' (both road and pedestrian tunnels).</li> <li>ii. CYC should seek to agree a new pedestrian / cycle river crossing (linking the National Railway Museum and Museum Gardens) as part of the York North West development plans.</li> </ul> <p><b>Actions Arising</b> - That the Scrutiny Report is included in the consultation process for the York North West Area Action Plan as part of the LDF work in this area.</p>	<p>Progress on finding a developer for York North West Area Action plan has been affected by the current economic climate. Within the current brief out to developers the Cultural Quarter concept is clearly indicated and the need for a new crossing of the river and improvements to Marble Arch detailed.</p>	<p>Difficult economic conditions continue and therefore the development team within the Council are considering other options for taking forward the York North West site.</p> <p>The brief for Marble Arch and the river crossing still remain within the development framework but the team may consider a more phased or "parcelled" development programme for the site.</p>	<p>The York North West Site has been parcelled into a British Sugar development site and a York Central development site. The York Central development site will include improvements to Marble Arch and to the pedestrian/ cycle pathways into the city centre within its developers brief. This is being taken forward by the City Development team in City Strategy.</p>

**Scrutiny Comments on Update Received 10 December 2009**

Recommendations 4, 6 and 8 to be written off as fully implemented, and a further update on the implementation of recommendations 1, 2, 3, 5 and 7 be provided at a future meeting.

**Scrutiny Comments on Update Received 28 September 2011**

Recommendations 1, 5 and 7 to be written off as fully implemented, and a further update on the implementation of recommendations 2 & 3 be provided in six months by City Strategy officers with responsibility for LDF and New City Beautiful.

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## Update on Implementation of Approved Recommendations Arising From Casual Play Scrutiny Review

Approved Scrutiny Recommendation	Update on Implementation of Recommendations 28 Sept 2011	Update on Implementation of Recommendations March 2012
<p>2. The encouragement of ward committees parish councils and residents' associations to promote the value of outdoor play and take up any opportunities for encouraging community buy-in to play opportunities in their locality.</p>	<p>As the action plans are implemented and projects begin to take place at a local level, best practice will be captured through case studies as well a range of resources, which in turn can be shared with ward committee, parish councils and other stakeholders, including resident, to promote the benefits of play.</p>	<p>Actions include: A briefing to members, as part of their induction about Play in the City. A number of Change Champion workshops involving children and young people, local councillors and play officers exploring local issues, including play. The production of fact/information sheets/leaflets to promote play and how to find out about local services, including play opportunities, available via the YorOk website and shared with the Parish Council Forum and Resident Association members. The completion of all Playbuilder sites, a number of which were led by parish and town councils. Further plans include member training and a, Tell me More, information session.</p>

**Scrutiny Comments on Update Received 28 September 2011**

Recommendations 1 (i), (ii) & (iii) to be written off as fully implemented, and a further update on the implementation of recommendation 2 to be provided in six months.

**Scrutiny Comments on Update Received March 2012**

## Learning & Culture Overview & Scrutiny Committee Work Plan 2011-12

Meeting Date	Work Programme
21 June 2011 @ 5pm	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Introduction to Committee Remit &amp; Terms of Reference</li> <li>2. Presentations by Assistant Directors on ongoing work within directorates &amp; future planned work</li> <li>3. Report on Draft Workplan for 2011-12</li> </ol>
3 Aug 2011 @ 5pm	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Attendance of Relevant Executive Members</li> <li>2. York Theatre Royal – Service Level Agreement Performance Update Report &amp; Briefing on Renewal of Contract in April 2012 (Liz Wilson to attend)</li> <li>3. Workplan</li> </ol>
28 Sept 2011 @ 5pm	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. York Museums Trust Partnership Delivery Plan – Performance Report &amp; Renewal of PDP for 2013-18</li> <li>2. First Quarter Finance &amp; Performance Monitoring Report</li> <li>3. Presentation on Demographics in York Primary Schools</li> <li>4. Update Report on implementation of previous recommendations - Cultural Quarter &amp; Casual Play</li> <li>5. Workplan</li> </ol>
11 Oct 2011	Tour of Theatre Royal & De Grey Buildings followed by performance of '40 Years On'
2 Nov 2011	Demographics Scrutiny Review – Informal Information Gathering Session
7 Dec 2011 @ 5pm	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Second Quarter Finance &amp; Performance Monitoring Report</li> <li>2. Presentation on Corporate Parenting</li> <li>3. Demographics Review – Formal Interim Report</li> <li>4. York Museums Trust – New Topic Assessment Report</li> <li>5. Workplan</li> </ol>
25 Jan 2012 @ 5pm	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. York Theatre Royal – Service Level Agreement Performance Update Report</li> <li>2. Report on Demographics Review</li> <li>3. Report on Corporate Parenting Review</li> <li>4. Additional Briefing Report re proposed scrutiny topic on York Museums Trust</li> <li>5. Workplan</li> </ol>
29 Feb 2012	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Presentation on Managing Public Parks (Dave Meigh)</li> <li>2. Attendance of Chair of <a href="#">York@Large</a> - Diane Willcocks</li> <li>3. Workplan</li> </ol>
21 March 2012	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. YMT Scrutiny Review Presentation &amp; Partnership Delivery Plan Performance Update</li> <li>2. Third Quarter Finance &amp; Performance Monitoring Report</li> <li>3. Update Report on implementation of recommendations arising from previously completed reviews - Cultural Quarter &amp; Casual Play</li> <li>4. Attendance of Cabinet Member for Education, Children &amp; Young People's Services &amp; Chair of Learning City</li> <li>5. Workplan</li> </ol>

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