

**Children, Education and Communities Policy  
and Scrutiny Committee**

**27 November 2019**

Report of the Assistant Director (Communities and Culture)

**Cultural Entitlement for Young People**

**Summary**

1. At its 24 September meeting this committee received a report on work to develop a cultural entitlement for young people. It was noted that this work is being led by REACH, York's Cultural Education Partnership. The committee asked that the Chair of REACH, Chris Edwards, be invited to do a presentation on this work at this meeting of the committee.
2. This paper provides some background and context for the presentation that the committee will receive.

**Context**

3. Schools in York are being urged to sign up to a plan to make sure that every child and young person in the city gets to take part in, enjoy and benefit from culture and the arts. REACH's two-year plan, to start in 2020, aims to give every child an entitlement to outstanding cultural and arts education.
4. The plan will involve identifying the things every child born and living in the City of York should experience before they are five, before they leave primary school and before they leave secondary school. The aim is to provide every child and young person in the City of York with access to a creative entitlement with opportunities to sing, dance, play, write, create, perform and visit places where they see and touch the culture and heritage of York.
5. The plan will support the city's cultural strategy and will draw in schools, colleges, arts and cultural organisations, voluntary and community organisations, Higher Education, York Music Hub, Explore York, the NHS and other partners.
6. Further background information in the form of REACH's draft plans can be found in the annexes to this report.

## Recommendation

7. Members are asked to note the report and engage in the presentation.

Reason: To consider how the Council might assist in the work to develop a cultural entitlement for young people.

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<b>Wards Affected:</b>	<b>All</b>	✓

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### Annexes

Annex A. REACH's draft strategic plan

Annex B. REACH's draft activity programme 19-20

### Abbreviations

NHS – National Health Service

REACH - Reconnecting Education, the Arts, Creativity and Heritage