

Learning and Culture Overview and Scrutiny Committee

8 December 2010

Report of the Assistant Director (Lifelong Learning and Culture)

York Museums Trust Partnership Delivery Plan: 2010/11 Half Year Performance Update

Summary

1. This report updates members on the current progress of the York Museums Trust (YMT) towards meeting the targets agreed in the Partnership Delivery Plan. The York Museums Trust's full report is at Annex 1.

Background

2. The Partnership Delivery Plan (PDP) approved by members in December 2007 outlined the key targets and objectives which the Council requires YMT to work towards over the next five years. Members have asked for regular updates on progress. Reports are brought to Overview and Scrutiny at the half-year point and again in July to report on full year performance. This report covers the year 2010/11 first six months.
3. The key target areas set out in the PDP relate to:
 - a) Stabilising visitor figures
 - b) Delivering new income streams
 - c) New exhibitions and interpretative service
 - d) Create an education strategy
 - e) Increase use and involvement by residents
 - f) Achieve high visitor satisfaction
 - g) Ensure the cataloguing of the collection
4. The report from York Museums Trust (Annex 1) sets out how they have addressed these issues over the past six months, and also gives an outline of what they will be developing moving forward.

Consultation

5. This report is for information and there is no consultation to consider.

Options

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

Corporate Objectives

7. YMT's business plan contributes to a number of corporate objectives including developing opportunities for residents and visitors to experience York as a vibrant and eventful city, improving opportunities for learning, and in strengthening York's economy through investment in the tourism infrastructure. Reinvestment in the museums is an identified priority within the sub-regional investment plan.

Implications

8. **Finance:** The Council makes an annual grant to YMT which in 2010/11 is £1,506,710. The grant is uplifted for inflation each year. The current financial arrangements have been agreed to 2013.
9. The report has no implications relating to:
 - Human Resources
 - Equalities
 - Legal
 - Crime and Disorder
 - Information Technology
 - Property
 - Other

Risk Management

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

Recommendations

11. That Members note and comment upon the performance of the York Museums Trust.

Reason: To fulfil the Council's role under the partnership delivery plan.

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Wards Affected:

All



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Background Papers:

Museums Trust: Partnership Delivery Plan December 2007.