

**Learning and Culture Overview and
Scrutiny Committee**

20th March 2013

Report of the Assistant Director (Communities, Culture & Public Realm)

**York Museums Trust Partnership Delivery Plan:
Performance Update to December 2012**

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.

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 period 2008-13. This report covers the period April 2012 to December 2012.
3. YMT was set up as an independent trust in order to achieve a business turnaround of the museums and art gallery and to enhance the cultural provision within the city. The key target areas reflected in the current PDP related to:
 - Stabilising visitor figures
 - Delivering new income streams
 - Creating new exhibitions and interpretative services
 - Creating an education strategy
 - Increasing use and involvement by residents
 - Achieving high visitor satisfaction

- Cataloguing of the collection
4. The report from YMT (Annex 1) sets out how they have been addressing these issues in the period from April 2012 to December 2012, and also gives an outline of what they will be developing moving forward.
 5. The new Partnership Delivery Plan for 2013 – 2018 is currently under consideration by the Cabinet Member for Leisure, Culture, and Tourism and any future Scrutiny committee updates will be given with reference to the new targets and areas for development agreed.

Options

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

Corporate Objectives

7. YMT 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.

Implications

8. Finance: The Council makes an annual grant to YMT. It has received stable funding since 2002 with inflation uplifts. In 2011/12 the grant was £1,506,710. The current financial arrangements extend to the end of March 2013.
9. The report has no implications relating to: Human Resources, Equalities, Legal, Crime and Disorder, Information Technology, Property.

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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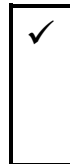
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Date

Wards Affected:

All



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Annex 1: York Museums Trust Performance report to March 2012.