
MEETING	DECISION SESSION - CABINET MEMBER FOR LEISURE, CULTURE & SOCIAL INCLUSION
DATE	11 OCTOBER 2011
PRESENT	COUNCILLOR CRISP (CABINET MEMBER)

12. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Cabinet Member was asked to declare any personal or prejudicial interests she might have in the business on the agenda.

She declared a standing personal interest as a retired member of UNISON, and expressed her wish for this to be attached to future agendas.

13. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Decision Session-Cabinet Member for Leisure, Culture and Social Inclusion held on 13 September 2011 be signed by the Cabinet Member as a correct record.

14. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION-DECISION SESSION**

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

15. **QUARTER 1 APRIL - JUNE 2011, FINANCE AND PERFORMANCE UPDATE**

The Cabinet Member received a report which updated her on financial performance, progress against service plan improvement actions and performance measures in the Communities and Neighbourhoods directorate.

The Cabinet Member was updated on the financial position of several areas in the directorate including;

- An overspend in the restructure of the Arts Education Peripatetic Music Service due to one-off redundancy costs. It was noted that the new service is working well and providing whole class tuition with larger numbers of children.
- That both library cafés were in profit and that income had been generated from the York Card.

RESOLVED: (i) That the report be noted.

(ii) That the timescales for actions that are in progress but where the original timescale has slipped for completion be agreed.

REASON: To ensure that those actions where the estimated timescale has slipped are completed within the revised timescales without detriment to the quality of action.

16. OUTCOME OF DIVERSITY PEER CHALLENGE: JULY 2011

The Cabinet Member received a report which informed her of the outcome of the Local Government Information and Development Diversity peer challenge which took place on 26 and 27 July 2011.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

REASON: So that the Council can put in place an action plan to achieve 'Excellent' under the Equality Framework for Local Government (EFLG).

17. DISCRETIONARY RATE RELIEF CRITERIA: 2013 - 2015

The Cabinet Member received a report which asked her to agree amended criteria for Discretionary Rate Relief to be awarded by the Directorate for Communities and Neighbourhoods for the period 2013-2015.

In response to a question, the Cabinet Member was informed that the awards for organisations from the Lifelong Learning and Culture DRR pot had been scaled down for 2010-12 as the applications eligible for relief had exceeded the budget available. It was noted that organisations who had applied for assistance after the closing date were refused on the grounds of not having any remaining money in the pot.

- RESOLVED:
- (i) That the report be noted.
 - (ii) That the revised criteria set out in Annex 2 of the Officer's report be agreed.

REASON: In order to establish an amended procedure for 2013-15.

Councillor Crisp, Cabinet Member
[The meeting started at 4.30 pm and finished at 4.45 pm].