
Decision Session – Executive Leader

5 October 2010

Report of the Director of City Strategy

Government consultation on the future direction of skills policy

Summary

1. This report presents a recommended response to the Government's consultation "Skills for Sustainable growth", issued by the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills in July this year.
2. The report has a good strategic fit with the long term aspirations of the city, particularly in relation to the Learning City and Thriving City themes within the Sustainable Community strategy, but also with strong links to those related to the Inclusive City and Sustainable City.

Background

3. The consultation paper issued by the Government sets out their emerging vision and thinking for skills. A full strategy for skills will be published after the Autumn Comprehensive Spending review. This will set out in more detail how the Government intends to support learning and skills priorities. Attached to this report is a recommended response to the Government's consultation set out on the consultation response form.

Consultation

4. The recommended response has been prepared following consultation with Higher York. The Learning City Partnership have also been consulted and any further comments will be reported at the meeting.

Options

5. The options are to accept the recommended response to the Government's consultation or to make any amendments to this.

Corporate Priorities

6. The actions in this report support the Learning City and Thriving City elements of the Sustainable Community Strategy and the Council's Corporate Strategy.

Implications

Financial

7. There are no direct financial implications arising from the report.

Human Resources (HR)

8. There are no direct HR implications arising from this report.

Equalities

9. There are no direct equalities implications arising from this report.

Legal

10. There are no direct legal implications arising from this report.

Crime and Disorder

11. There are no direct crime and disorder implications arising from this report.

Information Technology (IT)

12. There are no strategic IT implications.

Property

13. There are no direct property implications.

Risk management

14. There are no direct risks arising from the recommended response to the Government's consultation.

Recommendations

15. That the Executive Leader endorses the recommended response to the Government's consultation on "Skills for Sustainable Growth".

Reason: To support the learning city and thriving city strategic objectives as set out in the Sustainable Community Strategy.

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Wards affected – All

Specialist implications officer - None

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Annex: Recommended response to the Government's consultation on "Skills for Sustainable Growth"
Annex 2: Updated version, tabled at the meeting. Recommended response to the Government's consultation on "Skills for Sustainable Growth"