

**Learning & Culture Overview & Scrutiny Committee** 21 January 2015  
Report of the AD Governance & ITT

**Tour de France Scrutiny Review – Update Report**

**Summary**

1. This report provides further information in support of the Committee's consideration of a proposed scrutiny review of the planning, promotion and delivery of the Council's programme of activities which accompanied the Tour de France.

**Scrutiny Review Proposals**

2. In November 2014, the Committee considered a scrutiny topic submitted by Cllr Cuthbertson - see topic registration form at Annex A. The Committee received detailed background information on the Tour de France and was informed by the Director of Communities & Neighbourhoods that work was already underway to assess the overall Tour de France project including outputs, budgets, reviews etc, with the intention of providing a report to Cabinet in January 2015. It was noted that the Cabinet report may answer many if not all of the questions raised in Councillor Cuthbertson's scrutiny topic submission, so it was agreed the Committee would receive that report once it was made publicly available – see Annex B.
3. In considering the proposed review, the Committee also considered their workload in detail, recognising that all scrutiny reviews need to be concluded by the start of the forthcoming purdah period. In light of the awaited Cabinet report, the Committee agreed to undertake a proposed review on 'Narrowing the Gap' first, before commencing the Tour de France review. It was hoped that the Narrowing the Gap review would be completed in time to have its draft final report presented at this meeting. However that has not been possible and so an additional Committee meeting has been arranged for 24 February to receive that draft final report.

4. Work continues on the Committees two other ongoing reviews - Entrepreneurship in York Schools & Disabled Access. It is hoped that the draft final report from the Disabled Access review will also be ready for presentation at the additional committee meeting in February.
5. Furthermore, to ensure a prompt start to the Tour de France review the Committee formed a task group to carry out the review on their behalf. They also considered what would be a suitable aim for the review and agreed the following:

'To consider the appropriate planning, promotion, and delivery of future major events to ensure all associated risks are managed effectively, including Health & Safety and reputational risk. The review will examine the Grand Depart, and the provision of the entertainment Hubs and camping sites.'

### **Feedback on Tour de France (TdF)**

6. The Cabinet report at Annex B details the outcomes achieved against the objectives set for TdF by Cabinet in 2013 and reports on the management of the event, its financial implications, and the lessons learned for the future.
7. A background paper to the Cabinet report named 'The Impacts of the Tour in York' provides the economic and social impact. Reviews have also been carried out over elements of the delivery programme. These are provided as further background papers.

### **Consultation**

8. The Director of Communities & Neighbourhoods will be at the meeting to answer any questions Members may have in relation to the Cabinet report at Annex B.
9. At its meeting in November 2014, the Committee agreed the review would benefit from consulting with other partner organisations involved in TdF e.g. North Yorkshire Police, Visit York etc and affected communities.

### **Options**

10. Having considered the information within this report and its annexes and the Committee's current review workload, Members may choose to:
  - Revise the aim of their Tour de France scrutiny review

- Delay the start of the review until the new Municipal year to allow sufficient time for a more thorough review and for appropriate consultation to take place

11. Members are asked to note that if the review is to be carried out this municipal year before the start of the purdah period, there is a limited timeframe of 6.5 weeks available before the review draft final report would need to be presented at the last meeting of this Committee

### **Council Plan**

12. A review of this topic would support the 'Creating Jobs & Growing the Economy' and 'Get York moving' priorities of the Council Plan 2011-2015.

### **Implications & Risk Management**

13. This update report is presented for information only so there are no implications or risks associated with the recommendations in this report. Implications and risks associated with topic would be addressed as part of the review as and when it proceeds.

### **Recommendations**

14. In light of the information within the Cabinet report at Annex B, the Committee's current review workload, and the proposed consultation the Committee have previously identified for this review, Members are asked to consider whether:

- i) The agreed aim detailed in paragraph 5 is still appropriate for the review
- ii) The review should be undertaken in this municipal year.

15. Members are also recommended to identify and agree some achievable objectives for the review, to allow the review to be properly scoped.

Reason: To maximise the possibility of completing the review within a limited timeframe.

**Contact Details**

**Author:**

Melanie Carr  
Scrutiny Officer  
Scrutiny Services

Tel No. 01904 552054

**Chief Officer Responsible for Report:**

Dawn Steel  
Democratic Services Manager

**Report Approved**

**Date** 12.01.2015

**Specialist Implications Officer(s)** None

**Wards Affected:** List wards or tick box to indicate all

**All**

For further information please contact the author of the report

**Background Papers:** None

**Annexes:**

**Annex A** – Topic Submission Form

**Annex B** – Tour de France Cabinet Report dated 20 January 2015

**Abbreviations:**

TDF - Tour de France