
MEETING	EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR LEISURE & CULTURE AND ADVISORY PANEL
DATE	19 OCTOBER 2007
PRESENT	COUNCILLORS CRISP (CHAIR), KING, VASSIE AND HEALEY (VICE-CHAIR)
APOLOGIES	COUNCILLORS HOGG

16. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were asked to declare any personal or prejudicial interests they may have in the business on the agenda.
No interests were declared.

17. MINUTES

RESOLVED : That the minutes of the meeting of the Executive Member for Leisure and Culture and Advisory Panel held on 4 September be approved and signed by the Chair and Executive Member as a correct record.

18. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

19. REGIONAL CULTURAL COMMENTARY AND IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Members considered a report which updated them on two recent initiatives that the Lifelong Learning and Culture team had undertaken as part of a drive for continuous improvement in the services that it provides, these being the first Regional Cultural Commentary for York and Self-assessment using the "Towards an Excellent Service" (TAES) model.

The report detailed the background to the two schemes, and their purposes and aims. Officers reported that they welcomed the two schemes as they felt that they were beneficial in improving delivery and were useful benchmarking tools.

Members discussed the Self Improvement plan detailed in the report, the aspirations in terms of CPA scoring, and the strengths and areas for consideration/development of the two schemes. Members further discussed the provision of training courses in public libraries, the provision of activities for young people, and the community sport structure.

Advice of the Advisory Panel

That the Executive Member be advised to note the Towards an Excellent Service' model (TAES) self-assessment, the Regional Cultural Commentary and the areas for improvement planning set out in the report and annexes, and the comments of Members.

Decision of the Executive Member

RESOLVED: That the advice of the Advisory Panel be accepted and endorsed.

REASON: So that a rigorous programme of service improvement can be taken forward.

20. MUSEUM TRUST PARTNERSHIP DELIVERY PLAN 2008-2013

Members considered a report which updated them on the progress of the York Museums Trust (YMT) towards meeting the targets agreed in the Partnership Delivery Plan.

The Partnership Delivery Plan (PDP) approved by members in December 2002 outlined the key targets and objectives which the Council requires YMT to work towards over the next five years. Members had asked for regular updates on progress. This report covered the period April 2007 to September 2007.

The report updated on the capital programme, including the Art Gallery Roof, the Hospitium, and the Heritage Lottery Fund Bid in respect of the Yorkshire Museum and Gardens.

Michael Woodward, Director of Finance and Business Development of the YMT attended the meeting to update Members on progress in the above areas. Members were also updated regarding the ongoing developments of the Castle Museum, the increase in visitor numbers due to a television advertising campaign, and the developments to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the museum next year.

Updates were provided on the Hospitium project.

The report detailed the current capital programme and the reprofile requested in paragraphs 14 & 15 of the report :

Current		£,000s
2007/08	Hospitium	200
	1960's Experience	200
2008/09	Prison Experience	100
	Yorkshire Museum	500
2009/10	Yorkshire Museum	500
	Gardens	263

Reprofile requested

2007/08	Hospitium	200
	1960's Experience	200
	Art Gallery Roof	200
2008/09	Prison Experience	100
	Yorkshire Museum	100
2009/10	Yorkshire Museum	500
	Gardens	263
2010/11	Yorkshire Museum	200

Advice of the Advisory Panel

That the Executive Member be advised to:

- Note the performance of the York Museums Trust, and Members comments;
- Agree to the application of the Council's capital as set out in paragraph 15 of the report and detailed above;
- Recommend that the Executive considers the trust's request for £250k of prudential borrowing in order to fund the balance of the Hospitium scheme.

Decision of the Executive Member

RESOLVED: That the advice of the Advisory Panel be accepted and endorsed.

REASON: To fulfil the Council's role under the Partnership Delivery Plan.

Cllr C. Vassie
Executive Member for Leisure and Culture

Cllr.S.Crisp
Chair of Advisory Panel

The meeting started at 3.45 pm and finished at 4.50 pm.