



**Notice of a public**

**Decision Session - Executive Member for Culture, Leisure and Communities**

**To:** Councillor Smalley (Executive Member)

**Date:** Tuesday, 3 January 2023

**Time:** 10.00 am

**Venue:** The Thornton Room - Ground Floor, West Offices  
(G039)

**AGENDA**

**Notice to Members – Post Decision Calling In:**

Members are reminded that, should they wish to call in any item\* on this agenda, notice must be given to Democratic Services by **4:00pm** on **Thursday 5 January 2023**.

\*With the exception of matters that have been subject of a previous call in, require Full Council approval or are urgent which are not subject to the call-in provisions. Any called in items will be considered by the Customer and Corporate Services Scrutiny Management Committee.

Written representations in respect of items on this agenda should be submitted to Democratic Services by **5.00pm** on **Thursday 29 December 2022**.

**1. Declarations of Interest**

At this point in the meeting, the Executive Member is asked to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests or other registerable interests he might have in respect of business on this agenda, if he has not already done so in advance on the Register of Interests.

- 2. Minutes** (Pages 1 - 4)  
To approve and sign the minutes of the Decision Session held on 4 October 2022.

- 3. Public Participation**  
At this point in the meeting members of the public who have registered to speak can do so. Members of the public may speak on agenda items or on matters within the remit of the committee.

Please note that our registration deadlines are set as 2 working days before the meeting, in order to facilitate the management of public participation at our meetings. The deadline for registering at this meeting is **5:00pm on Thursday 29 December 2022.**

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- 4. Management and Governance of York Multiply Funding**  
Multiply is government funding via the UK Shared prosperity fund with the overall objective of increasing the levels of functional numeracy in the UK adult population. This report sets out the proposed operational and governance arrangements for Multiply to ensure that value and scrutiny of funds is in line with the authority's expectations on use of funds. [*Report to follow*]

## 5. Urgent Business

Any other business which the Executive Member considers urgent under the Local Government Act 1972.

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Committee Minutes

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Meeting	Decision Session - Executive Member for Culture, Leisure and Communities
Date	4 October 2022
Present	Councillor Smalley (Executive Member)
In Attendance	Angela Padfield, Head of Adult Learning Service, York Learning Paul Cliff, Shared Head of Adult Learning and Skills (York and North Yorkshire), York Learning Pauline Stuchfield, Director of Customer and Communities (Remotely)

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**9. Declarations of Interest (10:01)**

The Executive Member was asked to declare, at this point in the meeting, any disclosable pecuniary interests, or other registerable interests he might have in the respect of business on the agenda, if he had not already done so in advance on the Register of Interests. None were declared.

**10. Minutes (10:02)**

Resolved: That the minutes of the Decision Session held on 6 September be approved and signed by the Executive Member as a correct record.

**11. Public Participation (10:02)**

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

**12. York Learning Strategic Plan 2022-23 (10:03)**

The Executive Member considered a report that presented York Learning's position for the academic year 2022/23.

The Head of Adult Learning Service and the Shared Head of Adult Learning and Skills highlighted areas of the provision that continued to grow and succeed as well as areas for development, to meet the new strategic direction.

It was noted that the Strategic Plan:

- flowed directly from the Adult Learning and Skills Engagement Strategy, which was approved by consultation in July 2022. A finalised version of the Strategy would shortly be published on City of York Council's and North Yorkshire County Council's websites.
- would help shape the offer provided by York Learning and would widen the demographics to support more individuals to overcome the barriers to learning.
- would enable the service to have a marked impact on the local economic needs and support a greater range of individuals to meet their potential.

Officers confirmed that further funding had been sourced through the government's Multiply initiative. The overall objective of the fund was to increase the levels of functional numeracy in the UK adult population. The Strategic Plan would set the direction to widening and broadening engagement to allow more individuals to access learning to achieve better skills and more confidence.

In response to questions raised regarding the new course in Ukrainian Language and Culture and the challenges on the service to deliver the additional courses, the Executive Member was informed that engagement had been slow, but officers were hopeful that there would be improvement following the summer break. The delivery of the additional courses had so far been managed but moving forward a review on management hours would be undertaken to address any pressures on staff.

The Director of Customer and Communities reiterated that the Strategic Plan would help achieve the council's priorities for York and she highlighted the outstanding partnership working that the service undertook. She noted the risks associated with the funding streams and that the service was always conscious of the financial position of residents, particularly those with multicomplex needs.

The Executive Member thanked officers for the report and agreed with the Director that all staff involved in the service showed a fantastic level of enthusiasm.

Resolved: That the Strategic / Service Plan be approved.

Reason: To help monitor the service and ensure sound governance arrangement for York Learning Services.

Cllr Smalley, Executive Member

[The meeting started at 10.00am and finished at 10.11am].

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