

Report of the Assistant Director (Lifelong Learning and Culture)

YORK MUSEUMS TRUST PERFORMANCE UPDATE

Summary

1. This report updates members on the current progress of the York Museums Trust (YMT) towards meeting the targets agreed in the Partnership Delivery Plan.

Background

2. 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 have asked for regular updates on progress. Reports are brought to EMAP at the half-year point and also in May, to report on full year performance. This report covers the period April 2006 to September 2006.

Headline achievements

3. Headline achievements in this period were:
 - Refurbishment of Kirkgate has led to a 24% increase in visitors at the Castle Museum
 - The **Constantine** Exhibition was the main event in the Yorkshire Museum. Over the run of the exhibition it received 53,289 visitors and 1510 catalogues were sold. The catalogue was short listed for the prestigious AXA Art Newspaper and Exhibition Catalogue prize, having been selected from 124 entries down to the final 20. The award will be announced in London on 27 November. The exhibition was extremely well covered by the press.
 - The Lifelong Learning Team has been awarded the Sandford Award for educational services to schools. This is a great achievement given that the Learning Team has only been operating fully for a relatively short time
 - At York St Mary's **Echo** by Susie MacMurray was opened in June and ran until October. This site specific installation was made possible by a grant from the Arts Council Yorkshire.
 - Working with over 30 community groups including the Brunswick Organic Nursery, The Peasholme Centre and Age Concern

- The launch of the North Yorkshire volume for the Public Catalogue Foundation which features all the paintings in public collections held in North Yorkshire, of which York's collection is the largest. The catalogues are now on sale in York Art Gallery. Proceeds from the sale of the catalogue benefit the conservation of our Fine Art Collection.

Consultation

4. This report is for information and there is no consultation to consider.

Capital Programme

5. At the September EMAP YMT set out a revised approach to capital investment in the museums and Art Gallery. This is based on a phased approach using the Council's capital as follows:

2007-8	Hospitium	200k
	1960's Experience	200k
2008-9	Prison Experience	100k
	Yorkshire Museum	500k
2009-10	Yorkshire Museum	500k
	Gardens	263k

The Council's capital contribution has been profiled accordingly.

Options

6. This report is for information and there are no options to consider.

Corporate Objectives

7. YMT's business plan contributes to a number of corporate objectives including developing opportunities for residents and visitors to experience York as a vibrant and eventful city, improving opportunities for learning, and in strengthening York's economy through investment in the tourism infrastructure. Reinvestment in the museums is an identified priority within the sub-regional investment plan.

Implications

8. The report has no implications relating to:
 - Finance
 - Human Resources
 - Equalities
 - Legal
 - Crime and Disorder
 - Information Technology
 - Other

Risk Management

9. This report is for information and there are no risks to consider.

Recommendations

10. The Executive Member is asked to:
- note and comment upon the performance of the York Museums Trust
 - agree to the application of the Council's capital as set out in paragraph 5 above

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

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All tick

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Background Papers:

Museums Trust: Partnership Delivery Plan 12.12.02.

Annexes

1. York Museums Trust Performance Report
2. Fundraising Summary
3. Retrospective Documentation
4. Lifelong Learning Figures