



**Notice of a public meeting of
Children, Education & Communities Policy & Scrutiny Committee**

To: Councillors D Taylor (Chair), Webb (Vice-Chair),
Daubeney, Fenton, Fitzpatrick, Heaton and Hollyer

Date: Tuesday, 23 July 2019

Time: 5.30 pm

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

AGENDA

1. Declarations of Interest

At this point, Members are asked to declare:

- any personal interests not included on the Register of Interests
- any prejudicial interests or
- any disclosable pecuniary interests

which they may have in respect of business on this agenda

2. Minutes (Pages 1 - 8)

To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 25 June 2019.

3. Public Participation

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4. Attendance of the Executive Member for Culture, Leisure and Communities (Pages 9 - 20)

The Executive Member for Culture, Leisure & Communities will be in attendance to provide an update on his priorities and challenges for the 2019-20 municipal year.

5. York Museums Trust Report Against Core Partnership Objectives January to June 2019 (Pages 21 - 34)

This report updates Members on the current activities of the York Museums Trust (YMT) against the agreed core partnership objectives.

6. 2018/19 Finance and Performance Outturn Report - Children, Education and Communities (Pages 35 - 50)

This report analyses the latest performance for 2018/19 and forecasts the financial outturn position by reference to the service plans and budgets for all of the services falling under the responsibility of the Corporate Director of Children, Education & Communities.

7. Refresh of Ward Committees (Pages 51 - 54)

This report asks for some initial views from the scrutiny committee about key issues concerning the council's approach to ward committees.

8. Food Poverty Scrutiny Review (Pages 55 - 64)

This report invites the Children, Education and Communities Policy and Scrutiny Committee to nominate a Member to sit on an Ad-Hoc Scrutiny Committee established by the Customer and Corporate Services Scrutiny Committee (CSMC) to investigate food poverty in York.

9. Work Plan (Pages 65 - 68)

To consider the committee's draft work plan for the municipal year 2019-20.

10. Urgent Business

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

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Committee Minutes

Meeting	Children, Education & Communities Policy & Scrutiny Committee
Date	25 June 2019
Present	Councillors D Taylor (Chair), Webb (Vice-Chair), Daubeney, Fenton, Fitzpatrick, Heaton and Hollyer

1. Declarations of Interest

Members were asked to declare, at this point in the meeting, any personal interests, not included on the Register of Interests, or any prejudicial or disclosable pecuniary interests they may have in respect of business on the agenda.

Cllr Taylor declared a personal non prejudicial interest in agenda item 6, York Theatre Royal Bi-Annual Update, in that he worked for City Screen and they showed a Wise Children Company production and Cllr Daubeney also declared a personal non prejudicial interest in agenda item 6, in that he was a Board Member on the York Theatre Royal Trust.

Cllr Webb declared a personal non prejudicial interest in agenda item 5, York CVS Bi-annual Service Level Agreement Update, in that his wife worked for York CVS.

2. Minutes

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting of the committee held on 13 March 2019 be approved as a correct record and then signed by the Chair.

3. Public Participation

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

4. Arrangements for Policy and Scrutiny in York

Members considered a report that highlighted the structure for the Council's provision of the scrutiny function and the

resources available to support it. It also detailed the current terms of reference for the individual Policy & Scrutiny Committees.

The Scrutiny Officer gave an update and highlighted the key points in the report. Members noted the skills required to operate scrutiny successfully for the benefit of the residents of the city and that two new scrutiny committees, Housing and Community Safety Policy and Scrutiny Committee and Climate Change Policy and Scrutiny Committee, had been created and their remits had been agreed.

Members thanked the author for his detailed report that provided practical information and guidance to help Members and officers carry out and assist with Scrutiny activities.

Resolved: That the contents of the report and the specific remits of the individual Policy & Scrutiny Committees be noted.

Reason: To inform Members of scrutiny arrangements.

5. York CVS Bi-Annual Service Level Agreement Update

Members considered a report from York CVS that provided an update on their activity from October 2018 to March 2019.

The Chief Executive of York CVS was in attendance and she gave an overview of their services and highlighted how they:

- Supported the sector to survive and thrive,
- Represented the sector and provided a voice,
- Delivered services with a social impact and
- Sustained organisational strength.

Members noted that the organisation had gone through considerable staff changes and a restructure to bring them into a financial balance from April 2019. Their renewed offer had been implemented which included a part time Funding and Development Officer and an increase of social prescribers, which would help support primary care within the voluntary sector.

The Chief Executive made reference to the practical support they offered, including their multi-faceted roles and bespoke support to build strength and resilience so local charities,

voluntary organisations and social enterprises could provide and grow essential services for the communities they serve.

Members were made aware of the various issue based forums, focus groups and social action projects that had encouraged a more collaborative way of working across the whole sector.

The Chief Executive confirmed that she represented the sector on several key partnership boards, including York Health and Wellbeing Board and Children's and Adults Safeguarding Boards.

She highlighted the organisation's challenges and gaps which included funding and the lack of a voluntary centre in the city and in answer to Members questions the Chief Executive confirmed:

- York would have five social prescribers to support the Ways to Wellbeing offer across the whole of York.
- The new style forums were proving to be of interest throughout the whole sector allowing partnership working.
- She would liaise with Scrutiny should she identify any opportunities for Members to consider or feed into community forums.
- They don't work directly with young people but could link sectors to support the gaps.
- A voluntary centre that was managed could support volunteers and voluntary and community organisations to offer good practice and help develop opportunities.

Members thanked the Chief Executive for her update and noted that recruitment was in process for new trustees and a new Chair to the Board.

- Resolved: (i) That the report be noted.
- (ii) That the Chief Executive of York CVS liaise with Committee Members should she identify any opportunities for Scrutiny to consider.

Reason: To update the committee on the activity of York CVS.

6. York Theatre Royal Bi-Annual Update

Members considered a report that informed them of the progress and performance of York Theatre Royal.

The Executive Director of York Theatre Royal was in attendance to provide the update and he confirmed they had:

- Achieved record breaking ticket sales in 18/19.
- Engaged with more young people across the city through the Learning and Participation sessions.
- Pioneered a new social initiative called The Community Drive.
- Arranged for the community programming group Visionari to programme their own week in the main house after receiving excellent audience numbers in the smaller studio.
- Live streamed the last pantomime into Tang Hall Community Centre, which had proved very popular and following the retirement of Berwick Kaler the 2019 pantomime would still be written by him and include previous cast members.
- Launched a new website, allowing their digital presence to be transformed.

In answer to Members questions the Executive Director confirmed:

- He would circulate further information to the committee regarding Access All Areas, particularly around the referrals, take up, impact, access and future plans.¹
- The theatre would continue to engage with as many individuals as possible and would continue to run a number of social initiatives through, Access All Areas, Community Drive and live streaming.
- The next community play would take place outdoors in June 2021 and be on the subject of flooding and how climate change affects York.
- The Equality and Diversity Working Group would focus on three strands to encourage a diverse audience throughout a wider community including areas of deprivation.

Members thanked the Executive Director for his update and welcomed the community focused initiatives that would include the suburb areas of the city.

- Resolved: (i) That the report be noted.
- (ii) That further information be emailed to Committee Members regarding Access All Areas.

Reason: To fulfil the council's role as a funding body.

Action Required

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1. That further information be emailed to Committee Members regarding Access All Areas.

7. Overview of the Children, Education and Communities Service

The Corporate Director of Children, Education and Communities was in attendance to give Members an overview of the directorate which included Children's Specialist Services, Education and Skills and Communities and Equalities.

The Corporate Director highlighted the responsibilities within two service areas and informed Members that they would receive regular performance monitoring reports regarding:

Children's Specialist Services:

- Early help
- Local Area Teams
- The Youth Offending Service
- Children's social care including front door services
- Looked after children and adoption
- Partnership activities including quality assurance and safeguarding

Education and Skills:

- School improvement
- School place planning
- Skills and apprenticeships
- Early years services
- Special educational needs

The Assistant Director of Communities and Equalities was in attendance to highlight his responsibilities within communities,

equalities, adult learning and culture & leisure. Members noted that:

- Community Involvement Officers supported elected members and maintained relationships with parish councils.
- York Learning would provide a biannual report to the committee.
- Culture and leisure activities were delivered collaboratively with various cultural providers across the city including York Museum Trust, GLL, Explore York, Make it York, Welcome to Yorkshire and York CVS.
- Officers were currently involved in the Human Rights Board and projects around NEETs (Not in Education, Employment or Training) homelessness and community voices.

Members thanked officers for their overviews and raised questions around the recruitment and retention of social workers, changes within the Youth Offending service, pupil premium and early years support to help close the attainment gap.

In answer to Members questions it was noted that:

- Various initiatives were in place to recruit, grow and retain social workers, including engagement with newly qualified social workers from the University of York, a new front line initiative starting in September and a return to social work project.
- A Local Government Association peer review would be taking place in December to ensure a new school readiness project was delivered correctly.
- Officers within the outreach teams, community teams and Local Area Teams worked within communities to encourage families to engage in the offers they were entitled to.

Members thanked officers for their update.

Resolved: That the overview be noted.

Reason: To keep Members updated.

8. Draft Work Plan 2019-20

Members considered the committee's work plan for the 2019-20 municipal year.

Following discussion on possible topics to review, the Scrutiny Officer agreed to email Members a topic registration form. Topics raised included County Lines and tenant and resident engagement, which Members agreed these could be aligned with the Housing and Community Safety Policy and Scrutiny Committee.

Following further discussion it was agreed that the work plan be updated to include:

23 July 2019

- An update on the review of ward committees.

24 September 2019

- York safeguarding partnership biannual update report, including information on County Lines.

29 October 2019

- An update report on the Cultural Leaders strategy work.

28 January 2020

- An update on the Local Government Association peer review.

It was also suggested that the committee monitor the progress of implementation of previous scrutiny reviews, in particular the reviews on school meals and narrowing the gap.

Members agreed to change the scheduled meeting on 29 April 2020 to 22 April 2020 and that an additional meeting be added to the corporate calendar on 20 May 2020.

- Resolved: (i) That the work plan be approved subject to the above amendments/additions.
- (ii) That the initial strategy undertaken by the Cultural Leaders Group be emailed to Committee Members.¹

- (iii) That a topic registration form be emailed to Committee Members.²

Reason: To keep the committee's work plan updated.

Action Required

- 1. That the initial strategy undertaken by the Cultural Leaders Group be emailed to Committee Members. CC
- 2. That a topic registration form be emailed to Committee Members DM

Cllr D Taylor, Chair

[The meeting started at 5.30 pm and finished at 6.50 pm].

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Report to Children, Education & Communities Policy & Scrutiny Committee from the Executive Member for Culture, Leisure & Communities

Since being appointed to the Executive for this portfolio, I have been out across York visiting organisations from York Theatre Royal to Yearsley Pool, from the 68 Centre to Sanderson House Community Centre. It's a real privilege that a large number of organisations have opened their doors and taken the time to tell me about the work they do. I look forward to meeting and hearing about many more organisations in the coming months.

New Budget – Areas of Investment:

The new budget proposals outline significant investment within or impacting the Culture, Leisure and Communities portfolio. The investment marks a shift in priorities at the Council and heralds an exciting time for the Culture, Leisure & Communities portfolio.

Some of the key proposals to be agreed include:

- £43K for new recycling, litter and dog waste bins;
- £250K to create a new Safer Communities Fund;
- £40K to create an additional Community Engagement Officer to enable faster action to create local area working, safer and inclusive communities
- £50K to facilitate the Purple Flag scheme, helping foster a safer, more family friendly and inclusive City Centre;
- £100K to develop connections with communities most impacted by EU exit to better understand their needs, and to take forward the community hubs work.

Community Venues

Since taking on this portfolio, I have visited a number of community venues and met the wonderful volunteers who have taken on the responsibility of managing these buildings from the Council. These community venues are providing the backbone to some exciting development projects and activities across the city.

It is important to recognise the critical role of the voluntary management committees, as without these our community venues would sit empty. They ensure venues are safe, well maintained and welcoming to enable community activity to take place. This is why the Council continues to support them, in particular to ensure there is a network which enables people to share best practice and learn from each other. Our Community Venue's Coordinator post will continue to facilitate this network.

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The sustainability of community venues is a key focus for us and I am pleased to see how effective the Council's small grants process is at empowering the management committees to make investments and deliver projects. This balanced with commercial lettings gives the venues a solid financial basis moving forward.

Human Rights and Equalities

I attended my first meeting of the Human Rights Board in June. We received the draft final report on the board's first piece of work, on young people who are not in education, employment or training (NEET). The report is important because it draws on the voice of young people, as well as employers and professionals who work in this area. The report makes a range of recommendations aimed at ensuring that all young people should be able to access suitable education, training and employment. Once finalised, this report will go to the council's Corporate Management Team and from there to the appropriate agencies to ensure implementation.

Going forward, the board will be focussing on homelessness and on hate crime in the city. We had the first meeting of the homelessness working group on the 4th July 2019, where we started exploring homelessness from a human rights perspective.

I recently had the pleasure of meeting Laura Mingins, Head of Stakeholder Engagement at Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC). Among many matters, we discussed how as a Council we are promoting human rights and how we can work more closely with EHRC on delivering projects and sharing best practice from York.

Leisure Facilities

I have recently visited both Energise and Yearsley Swimming Pool and have been impressed with the outlook of staff, who have a clear understanding and desire to improve the health and wellbeing of our residents in York.

As part of the service contract, GLL work with officers to produce a Sport and Healthwise Development Plan, which sets out in the forthcoming year the actions to deliver the main aim of getting more people, more active, more often.

To date GLL's performance has been good, with some highlights being:

- 91% of actions completed in 2018/19 development plan
- Customer satisfaction was overall 93%
- Over 500,000 visits last year
- Growth in health and fitness membership from 1,868 to 2,524
- Growth in swimming lessons from 1,396 to 1,546

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- Investment of over £340k in new fitness equipment and giant inflatables for fun family sessions

Looking to the year ahead, we will open two new public leisure facilities. Burnholme Leisure Centre and the Stadium Leisure Centre. Both will have impressive new facilities, managed by GLL and will provide public memberships as well as access on a play and pay basis.

Burnholme Leisure Centre will be opening a new fitness suite and dance studio with the latest fitness equipment, whilst complimenting the refurbished sports hall, studio and outdoor grass and synthetic pitches.

The **Stadium Leisure Centre** will boast three new pools, a large fitness suite, dance and fitness studios, sports hall with viewing gallery, indoor Clip and Climb course as well as outdoor activities and 3G artificial football pitches.

A big part of both centres will be to work with the NHS and GPs to ensure that the Healthwise exercise referral programme is successful helping to tackle obesity.

Explore Libraries

This is a fantastic time to take on the responsibility for our cities libraries and archives service, with the appointment of the new 15-year service contract to Explore.

I have already visited many libraries and met with the CEO and Chair of Explore York Board to understand what their priorities are for the coming year.

I am very optimistic about the future of libraries in York with the focus on co-locating libraries at the heart of our communities to create hubs, which provide vital advice and information to those who need us most. The vision that was co-produced with residents is clear, simple and one that will see our library service become stronger in the future.

The Council has made commitments to improve the Library Learning Centre's at Acomb and Clifton. Similar to the Centre@Burnholme, this is likely to involve co-locating with other like-minded partners to provide centres with multiple services.

Looking ahead, I am excited to note that two new library facilities will be opening in the next 12 months;

The York Community Stadium, Community Hub - This will be an innovative type of library aimed at attracting individuals and groups who would not traditionally use libraries, and giving users access to books, IT equipment, free Wi-Fi and a range of learning opportunities, whilst enjoying a drink or snack from the community hub café.

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It will be based alongside other community partners in the Community Hub, which is a large atrium in the East Stand that links the stadium to the new leisure centre entrance.

Explore have already started working closely with the York City Football Club Foundation and York City Knights Foundation and have secured a grant from the National Lottery Heritage Fund of £57,500. This will fund a one-year joint project based around the importance of sport to our communities.

Haxby and Wigginton Library - I understand that since the closure of the old library in Haxby, officers have been working hard to identify a co-location opportunity. I am pleased that we are close to securing a partnership with the 2nd Haxby and Wigginton Scout Group to develop and extend the scout headquarters building to include a new reading café, looking out onto Ethel Ward play park and playing fields. I feel this will provide residents with a fantastic new facility and be as successful as other reading cafés in York.

In terms of Explore's performance under the new contract, we have just had the first quarters (April-June 2019) report and I am very impressed by their performance in key areas, especially in:

- Visits were +8% up on previous April/May
- Archives researchers (people viewing original archives in the reading room) were +30% on previous April/May, thanks largely to all the collections which have been catalogued and made available
- Volunteer hours were up +9% on previous April/May, across a wide range of branches and roles

York Learning

York Learning continues to deliver a range of learning programmes to support people into employment, to improve their skills and to support their personal development.

The service continues to be funded almost exclusively from external contract funding and fee income. For the academic year 2018/19 this is in the region £3.1m, an increase of about £300k on the previous year.

Partnership and sub-contractor working is strong and has good development routes for learners into and from the programmes, enabling the service to meet a wide range of learners interest and needs.

Over the past 12 months York Learning has been working with North Yorkshire County Council and East Riding County Council. This was formalised during the academic year with the Head of Service being seconded to North Yorkshire for 4 days a week, to support service developments and to enhance collaboration. Moving forward there are proposals to create a Joint Head of Service and developing closer

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working practices and sharing of resources. East Riding and York Learning also worked together in a project relating to tutor development. This was well received and the teams presented their project at a National Advanced Practitioners event due to its success and good practice.

The Family Learning team were invited to lead on the community strand in the Social Mobility project which is running in the west of the city. This is aimed specifically at closing “The Word Gap” between disadvantaged children’s outcomes and their peers at age 5, which has been a persistent problem in York. The service has been successful in securing a grant of £50,613 over three years from Shine, an education charity based in Leeds. York Learning propose to build capacity by identifying and training “Community Learning Champions” such as mid-day supervisors and TAs as well as “experienced” volunteers and Family Learning learners. The service will be providing them with networking opportunities and basic IAG (information, advice and guidance) training. This will promote engagement with families, recruiting them onto bespoke Family Learning provision and other appropriate learning paths.

I would like to direct members to the York Learning Strategic/Service Plan 2019/20 that will be coming to my Decision Session on 22nd July 2019.

Ward Committees

A report will be coming to the Executive in August setting out, amongst other things, how the additional funding provided to wards is to be allocated.

The next four years will be an exciting period for ward committees. From the Safer Communities Fund to additional litter bins, I’m keen to see continued innovation in this area, learning from other authorities and ensuring greater power and decision making is devolved to communities.

I am pleased that you are looking at the issues to be covered in this paper on tonight’s agenda.

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Sport and Active Leisure

The City of York Council's Sport and Active Leisure team are now up to full strength with a manager and two sports development officers, following the recent transfer of officers from the Public Health YorWellbeing Service into the Early Intervention and Prevention team.

Sport England's latest Active Lives Survey published in April 2019 shows that York has one of the highest percentages of people who are achieving the Chief Medical Officers guidelines for 150 minutes physically active a week, with 73.1%, compared with the national 62.6% and regional 60.6% averages. In terms of ranking, this places York joint tenth highest local authority out of 326 local authorities.

York has only 14.4% of the York adult population doing less than 30 minutes of activity per week compared with the national 25.1% and regional 26.9% averages and ranks York as fourth lowest in the country.

This continues to show a steady increase in those becoming active and a reduction in those not participating. It also places us highest and lowest respectively in the Yorkshire Region which is a first!

The team have continued to manage the sports facilities at Burnholme Sports Centre, offering continued access in the evenings and at weekends throughout the year. Works to the sports centre started in March this year. The new sports centre is being developed around the former school sports hall and gym on the Burnholme site. This will complement the facilities at the new community stadium, Energise Leisure Centre and Yearsley swimming pool.

When complete in November 2019, it will have a new gym, fitness suites, upgraded changing for indoor and outdoor activities, and a refurbished sports hall. The multi-use games area (MUGA) and sports hall users have been maintained throughout the start of these works.

Last month, saw improvements to the grass pitches. The turf has been stripped off and the pitches levelled. They have also been re-seeded, new fencing is in place and the pitches will open in late summer 2020.

As well as improvements to the pitches and open space, the cycle track to neighbouring Derwenthorpe and the Sustrans cycle track beyond will reopen later this year with improved surfaces and lighting, which will also promote sustainable transport and a healthy lifestyle for local residents.

A highlight for last month, saw the start of the £1.3m works on the Ashfield Site developing a new home for Bishopthorpe White Rose Football Club with the installation of eight new football pitches and a pavilion on land opposite York College and Askham Bar Park and Ride site.

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The service also continues to support community sports clubs to develop their facilities, assisting with project planning, writing funding applications and where funding is available, supporting the projects with Section 106 developer's outdoor sports contributions.

I attended the Active York Sports Awards on 26 June celebrating the sporting achievements of our active city. To be eligible for nomination for any Active York Sports Award you must have been born in, train or compete within City of York Council's boundaries. Nominees will have achieved significant success at city, county, regional, national or international level or made a significant contribution to the city.

Awards were presented in the following categories and the winners follow:

Young Sportsperson – Lucy Hadaway (City of York Athletics Club)

Young Disabled Sportsperson – Matthew Brough (York Disability Tennis Network)

Junior Team/Club Award - Huntington Primary Academy Football A Team

Student Sportsperson – Beth Moulam (Boccia and Race Running)

Sportsperson – Connor Robinson (York City Knights)

Disabled Sportsperson – Antonia Bunyan (Goalball)

Team/Club Award – University of York Women's Rugby Club

Active School of the Year – Hempland Primary School

Active in York Award – York Tandem Club

Coach of the Year – James Ford (York City Knights)

Volunteer of the Year – Jenni Fitton (City of York Hockey Club)

Outstanding Contribution to Sport - Rod Skelton (Groundsman at Heworth Amateur Rugby League Football Club)

Active York's Services to Sport – Geoff Barraclough (Athletics Coach and Active York Board Member).

The Sport and Active Leisure team continue to support the York Older People's Assembly 50+ Festival Programme. This year marks the 15th year of the festival (Friday 20 September - Sunday 6 October) and as a long standing contributor to the programme wanted to coordinate a physical activity and sporting activity every day of the festival. So this would be 17 days with at least 34 opportunities. We know that the population of the city of York is very physically active, although this is less so, as an individual gets older.

The service is continuing to target activities to those who participate the least and those who will get the most benefit from physical activity and sport. Some recent examples include the service has recently training seven volunteers in Nordic Walk Leader training after identifying these volunteers who attend weekly Nordic Walking sessions within the city. Six of the volunteers coming from referrals through the city's GP Exercise Referral Programme and are women recovering from breast cancer. The volunteers now continue to attend weekly giving invaluable support to the new referrals and keep the continuity of the sessions. These sessions have over 20 attendees each week. A further new sessions is in the planning to deliver a Nordic Walking group at Rawcliffe Country Park.

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We are currently working towards activating more physical activity and sport in park and open spaces to increase the opportunities to get active. We are currently working with some local schools, consulting with families to find out what they would like to see more of in their local community. In order to see where the gaps are, and what we can do to create sustainable activities within each community moving forward.

Volunteering – People Helping People

Members will be aware of *the People Helping People Strategy* launched in November 2017. This set out three areas of focus for developing volunteering in the city:

- Health and wellbeing
- Loneliness and social isolation
- Supporting children and young people to reach their potential.

York's decision to adopt the internationally recognised Cities of Service impact volunteering model has continued to help us to address shared city priorities including loneliness and social isolation, health and wellbeing and young people achieving their potential. The cross sector 'People Helping Partnership' is embedding social action across the city, through volunteers helping to augment the design and delivery of public services. Our city wide approach to catalyse greater levels of impact volunteering has in particular enabled us to address loneliness and is demonstrating measurable results.

Goodgym is an excellent example of this, reflecting a civil society response to a public problem. Goodgym offers committed runners the chance to do regular runs to make social visits to isolated older people who act as 'coaches' – motivating someone to run on a cold winter's day when they might not have otherwise.

Their outcomes are impressive:

- 93% of isolated older people feel more connected after being visited by a Goodgym runner,
- 92% of runners agree that Goodgym increases their motivation to exercise.

GoodGym attracts over 50 runners per week and is now fully self-sufficient and sustainable. To date, 2,767 good deeds have been done by 384 runners, including 215 coach visits to an older person, over 200 group runs to help community projects and 60 missions to help older people on household tasks. A walking GoodGym has recently been introduced to enable GoodGym to be more inclusive and we are currently working on an innovative home from hospital initiative, to further address the risk of loneliness on leaving hospital.

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Building on the success of the pilot Community Health Champions project and funded through the Nesta Connected Communities Innovation Fund, we are now entering year two of the programme. So far we have trained and deployed 43 new Community Health Champions against our target of 65 volunteers by the end of March 2020.

The volunteers have healthy conversations as part of their everyday role helping individuals to improve their lifestyle behavior, their mental wellbeing and reduce social isolation. Some Champions also go on to develop 'Impact Volunteering' projects. Currently, we have 26 Community Health Champion initiatives ranging from 'Food of the Fortnight' at the Red Tower, to Tai Chi at various locations across the city, to providing one to one support for individuals looking to improve their mental health.

Finally, the recent Big Community Challenge during June Volunteers Week was an excellent example of the work and impact of York Cares 'employer supported volunteers' in the city. This year's challenge united over 200 volunteers from across businesses, schools and community to help transform Clarence Gardens near York Hospital and The Hut with a focus on promoting health, wellbeing and social inclusion. An impact volunteering analysis of this project is currently being conducted, but a conservative estimate would be over £200,000 of volunteer time and materials donated by business.

Make It York

I am looking forward to working with Make It York on its new strategic priorities:

- City positioning and profile-raising to strengthen York's brand
- Attracting new business and inward investment
- Ensuring an exciting city-centre
- Delivering the cultural strategy

In the area of tourism, Make It York are currently producing a new destination management plan for the city, building on the successful initiatives taken last year, including the *Only in York* campaign. As the council undertakes a refresh of its economic strategy, I will be working with Make It York to develop this work into a full tourism strategy for the city.

I am aware of the city's successful events programme including the events that MIY are responsible for such as Bloom! and Mediale. I would like to build on this success through an events strategy for the city, sitting under the cultural strategy, which will guide us in attracting appropriate world-class events for York residents to enjoy, as well as boosting our current offer to visitors of York.

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Tourism

In terms of key tourism indicators, the Council's open data platform show a year on year increase in 2018/19, compared to 17/18, in:

- Visits to large attractions: from 2,562,582 to 3,125,153
- Visits to small attractions: from 294,107 to 299,597
- Parliament Street footfall: from 8,049,691 to 8,445,834

The latest Visit York analysis for May this year shows some sectors, like accommodation, reporting gains compared to May last year whilst footfall showed a slight decrease. Footfall through the city centre went down by 9% compared to May 2018 but the overall year to date footfall is on a par with the last year.

The number of hotel room nights sold grew by 8% compared to May 2018, with almost 6,000 additional room nights sold, exceeding the growth in supply since this time last year. The proportion of hotel rooms occupied has also gone up, by 5%, continuing the positive trend from April. Average room rate remained on par with May 2018, at £109.94.

For the year to date, all three measures are showing positive results with slight but steady increases. Continuing the trend of this year, small attractions continued to attract more visitors throughout 2019 with 17% increase in visits in May vs the same month in 2018. As in previous months, the results are very mixed with 12 attractions reporting growth and 10 reporting a decline.

Visits to attractions made with a York Pass increased (4%) compared to May 2018, continuing to show a positive trend after the launch of the re-branded York Pass on 2 April 2019. April 2019 results have shown a 60% increase in sessions on visityork.org compared to the previous year.

Myself and the new Liberal Democrat/Green administration are keen to listen to residents concerns in relation to how visitors contribute to the city, whilst acknowledging the benefits of a thriving tourism industry in York. From Purple Flag to exploring future consideration for a tourism levy/tax, this administration is taking an active lead in finding innovative ways to improve resident engagement, whilst also tackling the underlying challenges such as anti-social behaviour.

Cultural Strategy

After a great deal of engagement and consultation, the cultural leaders group distilled down the "big ideas" for the cultural strategy. These were approved by the Executive in February on behalf of the city.

Implementation plans are now being drawn up and discussed more widely. I am pleased to see that work is forging ahead to progress the key ideas such as the cultural passport for York's young people.

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I look forward to a full version of the strategy coming back to us in the autumn after which the strategy can be properly launched. I am keen to ensure that all residents can see tangible ways in which this work will benefit them, from the 'every child an artist' aspiration feeding into the cultural passport work, to looking at how resident's weekend might evolve in the future to ensure wider and broader engagement in York's culture and arts.

The Armed Forces Covenant

I was pleased to attend the recent meeting of the Armed Forces Community Covenant Forum. Following detailed and careful research with our armed forces community, the Forum is putting in place an action plan to meet the community's needs. This will include a focus on:

- Improving our understanding of our armed forces community and their needs
- Improving the training of our staff in order to better meet those needs
- Working with employers to encourage them in their employment practices around reservists
- Working with our schools to better meet the needs of armed forces community families
- Working with health professionals and organisations to ensure suitable care packages are in place to meet the needs of the armed forces community
- Continuing to improve our response to the housing needs of the armed forces community
- Helping to improve the transition from military to civilian life

I am delighted that the city is continuing its close partnership with the armed forces.

This was evident in the events for Armed Forces Day where the programme included free activities for the armed forces community including tickets to attractions, a family film showing and a meal at the Mansion House hosted by the Lord Mayor. Free bus travel was provided and a range of discounts.

The Lord Mayor also hosted a reception at the start of the week at the Mansion House where we raised the AFD flag and presented the AFD standards to veterans.

Unesco

The city recently submitted its four-yearly report on its achievements under the Unesco City of Media Arts designation (see: <https://indd.adobe.com/view/d0e99197->

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[8f5a-443a-9ca9-813d167b7f74](#)). I am pleased that the report has been given the highest rating by Unesco.

One of the main planks of the designation so far has been the Mediale festival. You can see the evaluation of the first festival here: <https://yorkmediale.com/news/ym2018-festival-evaluation> .

I am pleased to note that, with audiences of 65k and a further 91 million online, York Mediale immediately became the UK's largest ever media arts festival. This success is reflected in an Arts Council grant to the 2020 festival of £284k.

I am pleased that Mediale is working with us on the Castle Gateway project and I intend to work ever more closely with the team to maximise the benefits to the city of the innovation and creativity that they bring.

**York Museums Trust (YMT) Report Against Core Partnership Objectives
January to June 2019**

**Creation of museum and gallery provision capable of contributing to
positioning York as a world class cultural centre**

1. YMT has a four-year Business Plan for the years 2018-19 to 2021-22 which indicates how the Trust will pursue and achieve the five headlines priorities from its Forward Plan 2016-2021.
 - Deliver the York Castle Museum (YCM) major capital project, including collection and storage rationalisation, and develop the Castle area as a cultural quarter.
 - Excellent, high profile programming, including strategic YMT-led events to attract visitors to York and high quality exhibitions at York Art Gallery (YAG).
 - Expanding Enterprises and fundraising activities, building on success, becoming a more business-like charity and increasing our income streams and resilience.
 - Ensuring a 21st century Visitor Experience, pro-actively engaging visitors to sites and online
 - Improving York's and York Museums Trust's profile through local, regional and international leadership, partnership and delivering on all expectations of key stakeholders.
2. The Business Plan specifies aims and measurable targets for the teams within the Trust to realise our ambitions. We have an Operational plan and report to Trustees each quarter on our performance and the operational KPIs.
3. One of the headline priorities is the redevelopment of the Castle Museum and the Castle Gateway. Planning for this initiative continues in close collaboration with CYC and the Castle Gateway Masterplan. We have accelerated the project to meet Castle Gateway Masterplan timeline with help from the Leeds City region pooled rates bid and are building a consensus with our own Castle Museum Advisory Group consisting of our stakeholders and neighbours.
4. We have been briefing individual CYC councillors and are working with officers to ensure the new Executive has also been fully briefed.

5. In the period we have appointed architects and building services and design consultants to develop a scheme to RIBA1 stage and the work to submit a major capital funding bid to National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF). The deliverables from this stage of the project will additionally include a fundraising strategy and a Business Case and a Business Plan.
6. We used the public consultation we undertook last summer to inform the architectural brief, and we are now working with the #My Castle Gateway consultation team on the public consultation this summer.
7. Another of our priorities is to build our financial resilience and operate as a business like charity. We found the 2018/19 financial year very challenging. It is worth restating the context of the 2018/19 financial year in that our annual revenue grant from CYC has been significantly reduced from £600k three years ago to £300k in 18/19. We have found the final year of the £100k per annum reduction difficult to achieve and consequently we returned a deficit position of £90k in the financial year. Despite management actions to save money in year the reasons for the deficit included:
 - i. The Rose Theatre disrupted visitor flows by blocking the YCM from the city and adversely affected visitor numbers in our peak summer trading period at the YCM. We calculated a financial loss of admissions and retail and catering income of £50k.
 - ii. We had assumed that we would be able to achieve Gift Aid conversion rates of 50% on admissions at all sites. In fact our performance was below 40% and we have been struggling to get the message across to visitors that we are a charity as a reason for gift aiding.
 - iii. As we depend more on admissions income, the percentage of irrecoverable VAT on the goods we buy increases which is a cost to the trust. This is a very difficult number to plan for and added £20k more to our VAT bill than we had forecast.
 - iv. In previous years we have taken advantage of the HMRC capital goods scheme to reclaim VAT and reduce the costs of our major capital projects, the most significant of which was the Art Gallery scheme in 2014/15. These schemes operate for 10 years and changes in our VAT recovery rate can increase or decrease the amount we can claim. Unfortunately this is only something we discovered with the help of professional advisors in the current financial year and we have had to make payments to HMRC this

year of £37k effectively paying back some of the VAT we owe them from the capital scheme.

8. We have taken professional advice and reviewed all of our charging resulting in modest price increases from 1 April at all sites whilst simplifying our concessions and extending them to the whole range of claimants under Universal Credit. Whilst our sites will remain free to York's children we are having to introduce child charges in the Autumn to help balance the books.

Provision that is a source of inspiration and enjoyment for all and a stimulus for learning and skills development

9. Much of the Trust's public provision is reported in a subsequent section below, including exhibitions and online and learning offerings. However, a few highlights are included in this section.
10. *Yorkshire's Jurassic World* continued to attract significant numbers of visitors meaning that our attendances at the Yorkshire Museum were up 35% in the 2018/19 financial year compared with the previous year.
11. Our learning team continue to deliver work related to delivering Culture and Wellbeing provision as part of our cultural commissioning consortium. This included 'Family Movement Workshops' led by York Dance Space across February half term.
12. New Higher Education partnerships and projects have been developed at the Yorkshire Museum with the University of York Theatre Film and Television and York College fashion students with students producing work that will be shown on gallery.
13. The learning team enabled students from Burton Green primary school to work with the Anthony Shaw collection and Anthony himself, to develop their own works in response as well as to select works from the collection to display in the Anthony Shaw space.

The protection and conservation of the collections, gardens and buildings for future generations including improved storage

14. We have been undertaking preparatory work throughout the period at all of our stores in preparation for our planned stores consolidation project. This is an important enabling project for the Castle Transformation project. We have had additional staff for over twelve months to work on

the audit and documentation of the collections in advance of the stores consolidation.

15. A new Tiered Garden area has been created outside Manor Cottage utilising some of the Abbey stone and a new planting plan has been installed in the Tempest Anderson border.
16. We have completed the rewiring of the Museum garden lights and these are now in use. Whilst fixing the lights we took the opportunity to improve the infrastructure in the garden more generally installing garden flood lighting, which will mean us having less reliance on external contractors in the future to illuminate our buildings with special effects.
17. We have taken two work experience placements to work in the gardens (one from York St Johns and one from Askham Bryan College).
18. We have replaced the second of two boilers at Yorkshire Museum with a Hoval multi gas boiler which is 30% more efficient.

Promotion of the city's museums and collections through a varied range of activities which could include exhibitions, displays, community projects, volunteering opportunities, formal learning for schools, informal activities for families, and adult learning

19. Our active, high-quality exhibitions programme includes:

York Art Gallery

The National Gallery Masterpiece Tour – (July to September 2019)

20. We will be displaying *The triumph of Pan* by Nicholas Poussin one of the most important and influential painters of the 17th Century.

Sounds Like Her (July to September 2019)

21. This is a touring exhibition produced by New Art Exchange Nottingham. It brings together seven women artists from diverse backgrounds each exploring sound as a medium or subject matter in innovative ways.
22. *Ruskin, Turner and the Storm Cloud: Watercolours and Drawings* opened to the public on 29 March until 23 June 2019. It received plenty of publicity around the opening including in *The Guardian*, the *New York Times*, a double page spread in the *Big Issue*, and specialist art journals

Apollo and Frieze. It was also given a rave review on Radio 4's Saturday Review. It proved to be very popular with visitor numbers more than doubling at the Art Gallery during this period. *Just Looking* in the Project Gallery (29 March-summer 2019) links with the Ruskin show and offers a taster of the permanent collection by allowing visitors to linger and reflect on three paintings. This exhibition is a touring exhibition which after York will be showing in Kendal.

The BFG in Pictures (From October 2018 to February 2019)

23. The exhibition, curated by Quentin Blake, contained 40 artworks, including rarely seen unpublished illustrations of *The BFG*. The art gallery learning team created a much-used interactive space alongside the exhibition.
24. *When All is Quiet: Kaiser Chiefs in Conversation with York Art Gallery* (From December 2018 to March 2019)
25. Kaiser Chiefs explored the boundaries between art and music this winter in a unique and experimental exhibition. Using their position as pop musicians as a starting point, Kaiser Chiefs chose to rethink sound as a medium, inviting visitors to join them in exploring the edges between music, art, creation and performance. To do this, they brought together works by internationally regarded sound artists which have resonated with the band while on their travels and inspired them to look at sound in new ways.

Aesthetica Art Prize 2018 (March – July 2019)

26. A platform for innovation and originality, the Aesthetica Art Prize Exhibition invited audiences to engage with captivating projects from some of today's leading artists from across the world, both established and emerging.

Lucie Rie: Ceramics and Buttons (From June 2018)

27. As one of the most respected potters of the 20th century Dame Lucie Rie was known for her finely thrown and beautifully decorated functional domestic ceramics. This exhibition also highlights the ceramic buttons she began producing for the fashion industry alongside many examples of domestic wares she was famous for.
28. In the Centre of Ceramic Art (CoCA) the Anthony Shaw Collection has been redisplayed by pupils from Burton Green Primary School. There

was a gleeful afternoon opening showing their work alongside their selected objects from the Shaw collection.

Michael Lyons: Ancient and Modern

29. The Artists Garden and the edible garden have been used as a setting for a major exhibition of Yorkshire-based artist Michael Lyons' sculptures. This exhibition runs for a year from May 2019 and is free to the public.

Yorkshire Museum

Yorkshire's Jurassic World

30. This permanent and award winning exhibition opened in March 2018 and has proved very popular. It takes the visitor back 150 million years to discover the world of dinosaurs and through the use of our collections and interactive technology brings this experience to life.

Castle Museum

A Personal Collection of Vivienne Westwood Shoes (July 2018 to June 2019)

31. This exhibition worked within the existing *Shaping the Body* gallery and includes some of Westwood's most iconic shoes displayed alongside shoes from our own collection dating back to the 18th century selected by Westwood and her team.

Museum of Broken Relationships (March 2019 to March 2020)

32. Pieces are largely on loan from the *Museum of Broken Relationships* in Zagreb but the exhibition also includes new acquisitions for the Zagreb Museum acquired through open public call by YCM to people in Yorkshire. The digital team have supported a pilot programme of collecting digistories for the exhibition *The Museum of Broken Relationships*.

Online visitors

33. Our commitment to open licensing, allowing free access to and free re-use of a large proportion of our digital assets, also enhances access to our collections and intellectual property. We have over 25 million searches on our online collections each year. We have focused our

efforts not only nationally but regionally as well, through the Museum Development Yorkshire network.

34. At the end of last year we introduced online ticketing for visitors and this has proved a popular way of gaining access to the attractions and events. We have learned from the soft launch and are in the process of improving our online presence.

Learning and Volunteers

35. Through its learning offerings, YMT reaches many school children and families both through specific programmes on aspects of the collections and through visits to our various sites. In the first half of the current financial year, we served over 2,700 York school children who participated in our programmes. In total, over 150,000 children and young people have already visited our attractions in the current financial year. However York schools children visits continue to fall despite continued promotion of school activities. We are investigating the root cause of these changes which we believe to be a combination of the gradual impact of a more narrowly focussed curriculum and the cash-strapped position of many schools hindering things like coach travel. We are also going to be adapting our offer at York Castle Museum to make it more appealing and relevant to school teachers.
36. At the Yorkshire Museum the Learning team experimented with running family engagement activities for a longer period of time. This shift, coupled with a focus on the ever-popular dinosaurs theme saw a doubling of visitor figures from the comparative six-week summer holidays in 2017.
37. YMT hosted a *Kids in Museums* training day, providing us with the opportunity to showcase work undertaken at YAG to secure the UK Family Friendly award in 2015.
38. Whilst the number of active volunteers has decreased the number of volunteer hours given has held up. We have over 200 volunteers who contributed over 1,000 hours every month. Attention has been focussed on improving the visitor facing volunteer offer at the Yorkshire Museum to capitalise on the increased visitor numbers for Jurassic. The result has been an increase of more than 50% in volunteer hours at the Yorkshire Museum. Overall, there is a drop across the city in student volunteering

and we are working with the University of York, Jorvik, NRM and York Minster to develop a central pool of student volunteers.

Increased access to the city’s collections, gardens and buildings and increasing visitor numbers, especially young people

39. Visitor numbers from 1 January to 30 June 2019 are down by 4% when compared to the same period in 2018. The Jurassic exhibition has continued to be popular at the Yorkshire Museum but we are comparing this period with the opening period in 2018 when we had a huge interest. The visitor numbers at the Castle Museum continue to be a cause for concern as well as a reminder of the need to invest in the Museum. The Art Gallery numbers have exceeded our expectations as a result of the popular *Ruskin Turner* exhibition. The visitor numbers for the period are set out in the table below:

	Actual	Last year	% Change
York Castle Museum	118,312	126,531	-6%
Yorkshire Museum	62,528	85,861	-27%
York Art Gallery	57,375	36,501	+57%
Total	238,215	248,893	-4%

40. In the last financial year we welcomed over 100,000 free children’s visits to our three sites.

Recognition of the special significance of the museums and gallery for York residents through the maintenance of pricing incentives for York residents and opportunities for free access

41. Residents of York can use their Council Tax bill as evidence to gain the discounts available on admissions and the YMT half price Card.
42. YMT participated in the annual York Residents Festival with 3,692 York resident adults and 1,063 York resident children visiting the attractions over the weekend of the 26th & 27th January.
43. We also run our own York Museums Trust’s Residents Weekend from June 29-30. We had 2,133 visitors over that weekend.

The facilitation of outreach activities and pricing mechanisms designed to encourage visits by those who do not traditionally use the museums or gallery

44. Admission for children is free of charge at all YMT sites currently and will remain free to York children when child charging is introduced in September. YMT continue to provide residents aged 17-24, those entitled to most forms of income related benefit, and carers and community groups in excluded categories, with a YMT Card free of charge. Over 4,500 residents have taken this up.
45. YMT integrate diversity into the cultural programme: *The Sea is the Limit* focused on refugee experience and welcomed several refugee families and groups to it. *Strata...* had as its centrepiece the UK premiere of *Stones Against Diamonds* by BAME LGBT artist Isaac Julien. *Viking: rediscover the legend* on tour to Southport and Norwich, addresses issues of settling and integration. YAG showcased creative output by participants in York's Cultural Consortium for Wellbeing.
46. We address barriers to involvement through our collections and committed staff: We marked the anniversary of women's suffrage with displays and events at YCM. We created a Community Researcher post to empower communities and work with them on our collections. A cross-cutting YMT inclusion group including the Visitor Experience team drives activities e.g. low sensory experience times. Following decolonisation discussions we have altered some YCM displays to improve context or remove historically inaccurate misrepresentations.
47. YMT led York's Cultural Consortium for Wellbeing which co-ordinates cultural prescription to activities led by organisations across York for people who suffer from loneliness and mental health issues. This pilot project funded by CYC completed in June and has effectively demonstrated the impact of cultural activities for wellbeing.

Excellent customer service and visitor experience

48. All sites were mystery shopped during 2018 as part of the annual visit England, Visitor Attraction Quality Assurance Scheme. All sites scored over 79% (York Castle Museum). YCM dropped 1% to 79%. The Art Gallery scored 90% up 1% and received particular praise from the assessor. The Yorkshire Museum at 84% was down 2%, with praise for Jurassic, but the overall 'tired' state of the building décor was

commented on as a negative factor. The 2019 results are yet to be completed.

Active international partnerships to enhance public programmes, to increase YMT's and the city's reputation, and to raise funds

49. *Viking: Rediscover the Legend* was installed at its final touring venue Norwich Castle Museum. During the install the Yorkshire Museum team were shadowed by staff from The Auckland Project. Members of the Yorkshire Museum team attended the British Museum's National Programmes celebration event, at which Hartwig Fischer, Director of the British Museum, highlighted YMT's work with the their National Partnerships programme.
50. The Yorkshire Museum was shortlisted for Visitor Attraction of the Year and Yorkshire's Jurassic World was shortlisted for Innovation in Tourism in this year's Visit York Tourism Awards.
51. Yorkshire Museum team gave tours to 40 international delegates from the Destination Viking Association.
52. Our leadership in digital is increasingly recognised. In January Theodore Wilkins, IT and Digital Engagement Manager, was invited to speak at the National Trust's regional digital leads forum and Museum Development Yorkshire's South Yorkshire Museums Forum where he shared our digital approach and gave examples of how we harness digital tools and techniques.
53. Staff from Colchester and Ipswich Museums met with members of the Yorkshire Museum for advice regarding the Collections' Designation process. A team from Tyne and Wear Arts and Museums visited York Castle Museum to find out more about our Castle Museum capital project and compare notes about governance and enterprises. The Women Leaders in Museums Network visited *When All is Quiet: Kaiser Chiefs in Conversation with York Art Gallery* for a guided tour by Beatrice Bertram and *Yorkshire's Jurassic World* at the Yorkshire Museum with Sarah King.
54. Beatrice Bertram was one of the judges on the panel for the *Aesthetica Art Prize 2019*. Suzanne Fagence Cooper represented York Art Gallery & Abbot Hall at 'Ruskin Today' network meeting and delivered three talks linked to the *Ruskin, Turner & the Storm Cloud* exhibition. Lucy Creighton filmed a segment on the Star Carr pendant for *Mystic Britain* -

a new Smithsonian Channel series presented by Clive Anderson and Mary Ann Ochota. Sara Wajid held an 'in conversation' with Reyahn King for the York Heritage Research Seminar of the University of York's archaeology department which was watched by over 200 people on live stream as well as those in the seminar.

55. Reyahn King has been chairing the York Cultural Leaders Group and the steering group developing York's Cultural Strategy which was endorsed by the City of York Council.

Retention of registered museum status and development of the designated collections to ensure maximum public benefit Continues.

56. YMT continues to provide expert support and advice to other museums in the region which are seeking to renew or gain accredited museum status through consultancy in its Museums Development team funded by the Arts Council for England. The team provided support to 92% of the eligible museums in the region in 2018/19.
57. It has been a good period for research: a popular publication was launched to accompany the *Ruskin, Turner & the Storm Cloud* exhibition, co-edited by Suzanne Fagence Cooper and Richard Johns, with contributions by Emma Stibbon RA, Timothy Spall and Steven Wildman, supported by a Paul Mellon Centre grant and Paul Holberton. Beatrice
58. Bertram delivered a research seminar at the University of York on "A Monster of Beautiful Loathsomeness": William Etty's *Sirens and Ulysses*. Adam Parker and Emily Tilley have had an article published in FORUM: The Journal of Council for British Archaeology Yorkshire - *Reveal Your Secrets: research and identification of a 'mystery' Roman object in the Yorkshire Museum*. Andrew Woods participated in the British Museum's Tetrarchic hoards workshop, presenting the latest interpretation of the Wold Newton hoard.
59. Over 150 toys and games have been catalogued by a student on placement from York University's Institute for Public Understanding of the Past. Another student from the University of York biology department undertook a 3 month, full time placement, as part of the White Rose partnership, working on a handling box for *Yorkshire's Jurassic World*. Around 8,000 specimen at the Yorkshire Museum have been moved to enable boiler replacement works.

60. New acquisitions include:

- Fine art: *Rivaulx Abbey, North Yorkshire* (1842), a watercolour by Anthony Vandyke Copley Fielding (1787-1855).
- York Art Gallery have acquired (by gift) several pieces for the ceramics collection including seven pieces by Emmanuel Cooper and *Drunken Fish* by Pamela Mei Yee Leung
- Social history: Wooden scale model of the G.W. Harding shop front at 26-27 High Ousegate, c.1910; two First World War recruitment posters by Captain Harry Lawrence Oakley; and a 1988 Sony 'Handycam'.
- Archaeology: Fulford Ring - a unique and nationally significant 15th century gold, ruby and emerald double-bezelled finger ring. The ring was purchased through a successful fundraising campaign with 50% from the Headley Trust, 30% from the V&A Purchase Grant Fund, and 20% in donations from YMT supporters. In addition we acquired an ingot from Cundall with Leckby, hacksilver, and a gold ring from Wighill, as well as a significant archive of Roman objects from the fort at Bainbridge. The archaeology team have been trialling new methods for collecting, pro-actively approaching metal detectorists regarding the possible donation of finds. This has resulted in two acquisitions during this period: a Roman dress fitting from Oswaldkirk and a pilgrim badge from Cawood. A revised policy for the deposit of archaeological archives has also been drafted by the Curator of Archaeology; this is currently out for consultation with key partners.

61. The last few months have been a particularly strong period for the development of the Costume and Textiles collection, including the acquisition of:

- Costume worn by Berwick Kaler as York Theatre Royal's dame in *The Grand Old Dame of York*, 2018-19
- Outfit by Vivienne Westwood Gold Label from the collection *Tied to the Mast*, 1998, donated by Vivienne Westwood Ltd via Murray Blewett after his work with us on the curation of the *A Personal Collection of Vivienne Westwood Shoes* exhibition
- Collection of men's clothing relating to the Baines family of Bell Hall, Naburn (York), c.1775-1880, purchased with support from the V&A Purchase Grant Fund

62. The team also worked with a dealer to put us in a position to acquire a 13th century Limoges enamel Corpus Christi figurine, found on the site of St Mary's Abbey but being sold at auction (from a private collection) in Germany. Funds have been raised towards the purchase, with a further grant bid now submitted.

The maintenance of the Museum Gardens on the Register of Parks and Gardens of Special Historic Interest maintained and the register of botanical gardens

63. The border in front of the Tempest Anderson Hall has been cleared and replanted and is filling out. The new border by Manor Cottage is beginning to flourish and is now being extended. The rockery between the St Marys ruins, St Marys Lodge and the Hospitium is being thinned and where necessary additional suitable planting is being installed. The work on the rockery is mostly being carried out by a volunteer with alpine plant knowledge.

Public access to the Museum Gardens daily (except relevant Christmas / New Year holidays) unless closure is necessary for reasons of public safety

64. Free access to all is being maintained and over 1.7million visits are made to the gardens each year.
65. We have been advised occasionally by police to close slightly early - or to close entrances by the river. This is to enable better management of the risks of drug dealing in the Gardens.

Effective, open and transparent governance including effective access and equalities policies covering trustees and staff recruitment practices

66. Our recruitment practices have delivered 7.6% of our staff from backgrounds of non-white British which is above York averages. This increases at a management team level to 11.4%. Our workforce is 70% female to 30% male and our management team is 60% female. We have engaged a digital trainee from a low socio-economic background as part of a national scheme to widen access to museum careers. As part of the board recruitment the gender ratio is now 42% female and 17% of Trustees have a background of non-white British.

67. We run fair and transparent selection processes for both Trustees and staff. Trustee vacancies are advertised and board diversity is an important consideration in recruitment. For staff posts, HR representatives are present on each interview panel, questions are submitted to HR in advance and all candidates receive the same information and are asked the same questions. Our system of Personal Development Reviews means that routes to training are also open and fair.

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Abbreviations

CoCA - Centre of Ceramic Art

CYC – City of York Council

HMRC - HM Revenue and Customs

NLHF - National Lottery Heritage Fund

NRM – National Railway Museum

YAG - York Art Gallery

YCM - York Castle Museum

YMT – York Museums Trust



Children, Education & Communities Policy & Scrutiny Committee

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Report of the Corporate Director of Children, Education & Communities

2018/19 Finance and Performance Outturn Report – Children, Education and Communities

Summary

- 1 This report analyses the latest performance for 2018/19 and forecasts the financial outturn position by reference to the service plans and budgets for all of the services falling under the responsibility of the Corporate Director of Children, Education & Communities.

Financial Analysis

- 2 A summary of the service plan variations is shown at table 1 below.

Table 1 – CEC Financial Projections Summary 2018/19 – Draft Outturn

2018/19 Quarter Three Variation £000		2018/19 Latest Approved Budget			2018/19 Draft Outturn Variation	
		Gross Spend £000	Income £000	Net Spend £000	£000	%
+1,464	Children's Specialist Services	22,963	4,134	18,829	+1,541	8.2
+47	Communities & Equalities	8,784	4,212	4,572	-3	-0.1
+404	Education & Skills	17,464	5,796	11,668	-68	-0.6
-102	School Funding & Assets	126,153	133,729	-7,576	+8	+0.1
-7	Director of CEC & Central Budgets	8,447	5,955	2,492	+20	+0.8
-863	Mitigations				-602	
+943	Total CEC Directorate	183,811	153,826	29,985	+896	3.0

+ indicates increased expenditure or reduced income / - indicates reduced expenditure or increased income

- 3 The draft outturn overspend of £896k represents an improvement of £47k compared to the position at quarter 3. The following sections provide more details of the major outturn variations and any mitigating actions.

Children's Specialist Services (+£1,541k / +8.2%)

- 4 Children's Social Care (CSC) staffing budgets have overspent by £224k, mainly due to more expensive agency staff being used to cover important but hard to fill social worker posts. This is lower than the position in previous years following the introduction of 'golden hello' and 'golden handcuff' payments to new and existing staff in some of the key social work teams.
- 5 In respect of Looked After Children there is a net overspend on placement costs of £961k, including £256k on local fostering, £469k on IFAs, £64k on Adoption and Special Guardianship Order allowances and £77k on direct payments. This is offset by a net underspend of £110k on out of city placements. There were an additional 10 placements in local fostering arrangements at the end of 2018/19 compared to 2017/18, and an additional 5 in IFAs, with a number of children moving in and out of IFAs during the year. The growth in IFAs is the main driver of the overspend and is due to the shortage of local foster carers. It was planned that the Make York Home project would result in a reduction in IFA placements and the overall budget would then be sufficient, however the difficulty in recruiting new local foster carers has hampered this strategy.
- 6 There is a net overspend of £449k within The Glen and disability short breaks budgets, due mainly to delays in implementing the new model of provision for children with the most complex needs that was planned to deliver budget savings in 2017/18 and 2018/19.
- 7 The Local Area Teams (LATs) budget has underspent by £101k, mainly due to staff vacancies in the healthy child service.
- 8 A number of other more minor variations make up the remaining net overspend of £8k.

Communities & Equalities (-£3k / -0.1%)

- 9 There are no significant variations to report.

Education & Skills (-£68k / -0.6%)

- 10 There is a net underspend of £228k within Education & Skills staffing budgets due to a number of staffing vacancies within the Skills, Effectiveness & Achievement, Educational Psychology and Early Years Learning & Welfare teams.

- 11 The savings targets for the SEN element of home to school transport have not been achieved because of a growth in the number of pupils/students requiring transport and the specialist requirements of that transport accordingly resulting in a net overspend of £247k. The main increase in numbers have been at post 16/19 where because of the city now being able to provide more specialist education provision for this group of students more locally, subsequently we have had to provide more transport to the likes of York College, Askham Bryan, Choose 2 and Blueberry Academy. The changes in legislation to allow EHCPs to ages 19-25, resulting in significantly more students accessing this option, has significantly increased our transport spend accordingly.
- 12 The cost per pupil of transport over the last 3 years has gradually been falling as we have worked with our transport providers to increase the size of vehicles and reduce the number of passenger transport assistants. This indicates strong contract management processes are in place to reduce expenditure. As indicated above however the increase in numbers and need has impacted on expenditure. The option of renegotiating contracts has not been considered as we have driven down costs through the contract management process and we are clear that we would be unable to find a transport provider who could deliver a service for the volumes required and meet the high level of safeguarding assurances that we have set.

Schools Funding & Assets (+£8 / +0.1%)

- 13 The net projected variation is made up of the following items:
- a carry forward of surplus Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) from 2017/18 that is £105k lower than budgeted for,
 - a net overspend on high needs budgets of £1,277k, including +£1,093k for Danesgate alternative provision, +£425k for post 16/19 provision, plus other more minor net overspends on special schools and units and mainstream school support of £152k. This is offset by an additional in year allocation of high needs funding by government of £393k;
 - a clawback of overfunded sixth form payments in 2017/18 of £293k;
 - a saving of £349k on prudential borrowing repayments as the provision set aside following the closure of Burnholme Community College has not yet been fully committed;
 - a £230k write off of a school deficit on conversion to sponsored academy status;
 - various minor underspends totalling £114k;
 - a deficit carry forward of DSG into 2019/20 of £827k, £848k greater than budgeted for.

Director of CEC and Central Budgets (+£20k / +0.8%)

14 There are no significant variations to report.

Mitigations (-£602k)

- 15 CEC Directorate Management Team (DMT) were committed to doing all they could to try and contain expenditure within budget for 2018/19, and reduce the projected overspend as far as possible by the year end. Dealing with the budget pressures is a regular item at the DMT meetings with a number of actions taken to further mitigate the current overspend, including the following:
- Continued restrictions on all discretionary spend and holding recruitment to vacant posts wherever possible and safe to do so.
 - Review the level of expenditure committed from specific unbudgeted in year grants and reserves with to generate one-off savings.
 - Considering the extent to which the increased SEN transport costs can be accounted for within the DSG.
 - A placement review to develop more local provision and help to slow the rate of expenditure in this area.
- 16 Provision has now been made in the 2019/20 budget for the general fund pressures on looked after children and further mitigations to offset the increase in home to school transport costs. The on-going Inclusion Review will need to address the significant pressures being experienced within the DSG High Needs budget.

PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

Voice of the Children

- 17 York Youth Council (YYC) continues to work with colleagues from the North Yorkshire Youth Executive and the North Yorkshire Police Youth Commission. The working group is now known as 'North Yorkshire Young Minds Combined' and they continue to look at ways they can improve the awareness of existing mental health services.
- 18 Representatives from the YYC attended "Convention 3" in Leeds in January. They took part in a variety of workshops looking at the Make York Mark results. Workshops were centred around knife crime, mental health and work experience.
- 19 Participation opportunities for young people in care and care leavers continue to be delivered via the Children in Care Council (CiCC). This includes monthly Show Me That I Matter panel meetings (13-17 yrs), monthly meetings of the Care Leavers Forum, I Still Matter (17-21 yrs) and fortnightly Speak Up

Youthclub sessions (10-16yrs). Activity has included taking part in sessions with York Human Rights, providing feedback on Young People missing from Care and meeting with Health workers to discuss health assessments. Other activity has included:

- A pilot with the Assessing Permanent Carers team to gather young people's views to inform the assessment process when recruiting foster carers
- Meeting with members of the Virtual School to talk about support in school
- Starting work on the 2019 Guarantee for Children and Young People in Care (the assessment of need entitlement)
- Joint work with North Yorkshire Young Minds Combined
- Advocacy casework for children and young people who are in care or leaving care, going through the child protection process or wanting to make a complaint has continued to be provided
- The CiCC and Care leavers Forum have met with the Director, Assistant Director, Service Manager for Pathway and Elected Members to feedback on the work they have been doing.

Number of Children Looked After

- 20 This measure gives an understanding of the efficiency and effectiveness of a key front-line service which has impacts on vulnerability and the life chances of children. There were 208 children and young people in care at the end of March 2019. The rate per 10,000 population has remained constant throughout 2018/19 against a national trend of increasing looked after numbers.

Placement Review

- 21 Despite the number of children in care remaining relatively stable over the past three years, the diversity and complexity of placement requirement is changing. York's specific and unique sufficiency profile means Children's Social Care are increasingly in a position where they are unable to place children and young people in existing Council provision and are having to spot purchase, often at short notice, external / private foster or residential placements that are expensive and may not be value for money in the context of the individual child.
- 22 In order to increase Foster Care sufficiency, a new training, support and remuneration offer has been developed for City of York Foster Carers. This offer has been consulted on with all Foster Carers and feedback was incorporated in the new proposal. The changes have been agreed and will be implemented in September 2019. Further work is also being developed on Foster Carer recruitment in order to develop a resourced systemic approach to recruiting new Foster Carers.

- 23 Residential sufficiency is also being considered and work is being undertaken to develop options of how additional residential provision for different age cohorts can be developed in order to meet need and demand more effectively.

Average Progress 8 Score from Key Stage 2 to Key Stage 4

- 24 This indicator gives an understanding of educational attainment levels within the city. Progress 8 is a measure of the progress made by pupils between Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 4. A positive score represents progress above the average for all pupils and a negative score progress below the average for all pupils. In 2018, the average Progress 8 score for Year 11 pupils was +0.11, which is significantly above the national average. The Progress 8 score of +0.11 is the same as 2017 and again puts the city in the top quartile for all Local Authorities.
- 25 Reducing the attainment gap between disadvantaged pupils and their peers remains one of the City's main priorities. This year, Schools and partner agencies across York have signed up to a city-wide pledge to help disadvantaged pupils achieve at school. Work will prioritise actions needed to improve the outcomes for disadvantaged children in the early years in order to address issues early and close the attainment gap more sustainably. This year, School Improvement Projects which include a focus on narrowing attainment gaps include:
- Reading for Real – 8 Primary Schools
 - Inclusion Expert – 4 Primary Schools
 - Secondary attendance - 1 Secondary school
 - Excellence for all – 2 Secondary and 2 Primary schools
 - Making the difference with differentiation - 4 Primary schools
 - Empowering the disadvantaged – 4 Primary schools
 - Using metacognition and self-regulation training to improve outcomes for disadvantaged students – 2 Secondary schools

%pt gap between FSM and non-FSM pupils at 15, who attain a Level 3 qualification by the age of 19

- 26 This measure gives an understanding of the inequality gap. The attainment gap at age 19 is currently 33.9% in York compared to 25.2% nationally. Work continues with York's 6th forms and colleges to ensure that young people achieve their potential post-16. There has been good progress in recent years on the Level 3 attainment gap at age 19, the 16/17 result is a dip and we need to see if it is a "one off". Clearly this outcome is fed by indicators at earlier points; achieving a Level 2 outcome at 16 is a prerequisite for following a Level 3 programme post 16. This means that work with younger pupils is critical to sustainable improvement in the long term. The margins are small with this indicator – ten more disadvantaged young people achieving Level 3 at 19 would

bring the York % gap below national. We intend to look at this issue with York College in particular in the summer term when the 17/18 data is available.

- 27 2.7% of York's 16-17 year olds were Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET) at the end of March 2019. However, 86% of those young people are not qualified to Level 2, demonstrating challenges before people are aged 19. Learning and Work Advisers from the council's Local Area Teams provide specialist information, advice and guidance to young people who are in the care of the local authority, those in alternative education provision, those in the youth justice system, and those aged 16-18 who are NEET.

Council Plan

- 28 This report is directly linked to the three key priorities of the Council Plan for 2015-19: A Prosperous City for All; A Focus on Frontline Services; and A Council that Listens to Residents.

Implications

- 29 The financial implications are covered within the main body of the report. There are no other direct implications arising from this report.

Recommendations

- 30 As this report is for information only there are no specific recommendations.

Reason: To update the committee on the latest financial and performance position for 2018/19.

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

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Background Papers

Finance and Performance Outturn 2018/19 Report, Executive 27 June 2019

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Annexes

Annex A: 2018/19 Draft Performance Scorecard

Abbreviations

CEC- Children Education and Communities

CiCC- Children in Care Council

CSC- Children's Social Care

DMT- Directorate management Team

DSG- Dedicated Schools Grant

EHCPs- Educational Health and Care Assessments and Placements Plans

FSM- Free School Meals

IFAs- Independent Fostering Agency

LATS – Local Area Teams

NEETs- Not in Education, Employment or Training

SEN- Special Educational Needs

YYC- York Youth Council

			Previous Years			2018/2019				Target	Polarity	DOT				
		Collection Frequency	2016/2017	2017/2018	2018/2019	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4							
Children's Social Care - Care Leavers	148	% of care leavers in employment, education or training aged 17-21 (19-21 until 2016/2017) - (Snapshot)	Monthly	75.64%	71.00%	73.56%	70.37%	70.24%	71.26%	73.56%	75%	Up is Good	◀▶ Neutral			
		Benchmark - National Data	Annual	50.00%	-	-	-	-	-	-				-		
		Benchmark - Regional Data	Annual	50.00%	-	-	-	-	-	-				-		
		Benchmark - Comparator Data	Annual	52.00%	-	-	-	-	-	-				-		
Children's Social Care - Children Looked After	EFL1	Children Looked After per 10k, excluding Short Term Breaks - (Snapshot)	Monthly	55	53	56.22	55.95	55.68	55.68	56.22	51-57	Neutral	◀▶ Neutr			
		Benchmark - National Data	Annual	62	64	-	-	-	-	-				-		
		Benchmark - Regional Data	Annual	67	71	-	-	-	-	-				-		
		Benchmark - Comparator Data	Annual	57.2	60.5	-	-	-	-	-				-		
		Number of Children Looked After, excluding Short Term Breaks - (Snapshot)	Monthly	205	197	208	207	206	206	208				190-210	Neutral	◀▶ Neutral
Children's Social Care - Safeguarding	64	% of children ceasing to be the subject of a Child Protection Plan who had been the subject of a CPP continuously for two years or longer - (YTD)	Monthly	2.73%	4.33%	0.88%	1.89%	0.88%	1.19%	0.88%	-	Up is Bad	▼ Green			
		Benchmark - National Data	Annual	3.40%	3.40%	-	-	-	-	-				-		
		Benchmark - Regional Data	Annual	2.00%	2.80%	-	-	-	-	-				-		
		Benchmark - Comparator Data	Annual	4.70%	4.40%	-	-	-	-	-				-		

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		Collection Frequency	2016/2017	2017/2018	2018/2019	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Target	Polarity	DOT	
Children's Social Care - Safeguarding	65	% of children becoming the subject of a Child Protection Plan for a second or subsequent time - (YTD)	Monthly	28.38%	22.06%	33.03%	35.38%	38.76%	35.57%	33.03%	-	Up is Bad	Neutral
		Benchmark - National Data	Annual	18.70%	20.20%	-	-	-	-	-	-		
	EFL2	Children with a Child Protection Plan per 10k - (Snapshot)	Monthly	46	45	43.51	48.38	49.19	52.16	43.51	40-46	Neutral	Neutral
		Benchmark - National Data	Annual	43.3	45.3	-	-	-	-	-	-		
		Benchmark - Regional Data	Annual	43	46.1	-	-	-	-	-	-		
		Benchmark - Comparator Data	Annual	40.1	38.4	-	-	-	-	-	-		
	Number of Children with a Child Protection Plan - (Snapshot)	Monthly	171	167	161	179	182	193	161	150-170	Neutral	Neutral	
Crime	CSP01	All Crime	Monthly	11,221	11,958	13,579	3,429	3,307	3,499	3,344	-	Up is Bad	Neutral
	CSP15	Overall Violence (Violence Against Person Def.)	Monthly	2,509	3,188	4,212	1,033	1,036	1,109	1,034	-	Up is Bad	Red
		IQUANTA Family Grouping (Rank out of 15)	Monthly	4	2	4	2	2	7	4	-		
Crime - Anti Social Behaviour	CSP13	NYP Recorded ASB Calls for Service	Monthly	8,860	8,225	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	-	Up is Bad	Neutral
	CSP28	Number of Incidents of ASB within the city centre ARZ	Monthly	2,175	1,934	2,059	497	570	527	465	-	Up is Bad	Neutral
Crime - Hate Crime	CSP23	Hate Crimes or Incidents as Recorded by NYP	Monthly	189	180	111	35	24	24	28	-	Up is Bad	Green
		IQUANTA Family Grouping (Rank out of 15)	Monthly	6	3	5	9	2	1	5	-		

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Crime - Key Places	CSP29a	Number of Incidents of ASB within the CIZ	Monthly	1,399	1,115	999	241	274	257	227	-	Up is Bad Green
	CSP29b	Number of Incidents of Alcohol Related ASB within the CIZ	Monthly	594	-	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	-	Up is Bad Neutral
Deprivation and Poverty	CJGE13A	Percentage of Children (aged 0- 15) living in Out-of-work Benefit Claimant Households	Annual	8.38%	8.35%	(Avail Nov 2019)	-	-	-	-	-	Up is Bad Neutral
		Benchmark - National Data	Annual	14.04%	13.53%	(Avail Nov 2019)	-	-	-	-	-	
		Benchmark - Regional Data	Annual	16.80%	16.32%	(Avail Nov 2019)	-	-	-	-	-	
Education (Adult)	CJGE18	CJGE17	% of working age population qualified - No qualifications	Annual	6.20%	4.40%	5.50%	-	-	5.50%	-	Up is Bad Neutr
		% of working age population qualified - to at least L2 and above*	Annual	80.20%	85.00%	83.20%	-	-	83.20%	-	83%	Up is Good Neutr
		Benchmark - National Data	Annual	74.30%	74.70%	74.90%	-	-	74.90%	-	-	
		Benchmark - Regional Data	Annual	71.00%	71.10%	71.80%	-	-	71.80%	-	-	
		Regional Rank (Rank out of 15)	Annual	1	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	
Education (Adult)	CJGE19	% of working age population qualified - to at least L3 and above*	Annual	65.20%	71.60%	69.80%	-	-	69.80%	-	-	Up is Good Neutral
		Benchmark - National Data	Annual	56.90%	57.20%	57.80%	-	-	57.80%	-	-	
		Benchmark - Regional Data	Annual	52.30%	52.30%	53.60%	-	-	53.60%	-	-	
		Regional Rank (Rank out of 15)	Annual	1	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	
Education (Adult)	CJGE20	% of working age population qualified - to at least L4 and above*	Annual	42.70%	48.90%	47.90%	-	-	47.90%	-	-	Up is Good Neutral
		Benchmark - National Data	Annual	38.20%	38.60%	39.30%	-	-	39.30%	-	-	
		Benchmark - Regional Data	Annual	31.30%	33.00%	33.30%	-	-	33.30%	-	-	
		Regional Rank (Rank out of 15)	Annual	1	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	

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			2016/2017	2017/2018	2018/2019	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Target	Polarity	DOT
		Collection Frequency										
Education (Young People)	ES8	% of After School Clubs achieving 'good' or 'outstanding' - (Snapshot)	Annual	-	89.00%	100.00%	-	-	-	-	-	Up is Good Green
	ES9	% Take up of early education places by eligible two year olds - (Snapshot)	Annual	73.50% (382)	78.00%	73.50% (339)	-	-	-	-	80%	Up is Good Neutral
Educational Attainment	81	%pt gap between FSM and non-FSM pupils at 15, who attain a Level 3 qualification by the age of 19 - (Snapshot)	Annual	33.90%	40.30%	(Avail Apr 2020)	-	-	-	(Avail Apr 2020)	25%	Up is Bad Red
		Benchmark - National Data	Annual	25.20%	25.70%	(Avail Apr 2020)	-	-	-	(Avail Apr 2020)	-	
		Benchmark - Regional Data	Annual	27.20%	28.60%	(Avail Apr 2020)	-	-	-	(Avail Apr 2020)	-	
		Regional Rank (Rank out of 15)	Annual	15	15	(Avail Apr 2020)	-	-	-	(Avail Apr 2020)	-	
	82	%pt gap between FSM and non-FSM pupils at 15, who attain a Level 2 qualification by the age of 19 - (Snapshot)	Annual	25.10%	31.30%	(Avail Apr 2020)	-	-	-	(Avail Apr 2020)	-	Up is Bad Red
		Benchmark - National Data	Annual	20.10%	21.90%	(Avail Apr 2020)	-	-	-	(Avail Apr 2020)	-	
		Benchmark - Regional Data	Annual	23.70%	26.30%	(Avail Apr 2020)	-	-	-	(Avail Apr 2020)	-	
		Regional Rank (Rank out of 15)	Annual	12	14	(Avail Apr 2020)	-	-	-	(Avail Apr 2020)	-	
KS4a	Average Progress 8 score from KS2 to KS4	Annual	0.11	0.11	-	-	-	-	-	0.15	Up is Good Neutral	
	Benchmark - National Data	Annual	-0.03	-0.03	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Homelessness	HOU102	Number of homeless households with dependent children in temporary accommodation - (Snapshot)	Quarterly	33	27	-	27	37	35	-	-	Up is Bad Neutral
		Number of children in temporary accommodation - (Snapshot)	Quarterly	58	43	-	43	63	61	-	-	Up is Bad Neutral
Libraries	LIB01	Library Visits - All Libraries	Monthly	1,025,480	1,014,173	1,045,617	246,576	300,293	242,024	256,724	1100000	Up is Good Neutral
	LIB02	Books Borrowed - All Libraries	Monthly	800,300	788,861	762,434	188,306	208,166	179,380	186,582	-	Up is Good Neutral

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		Collection Frequency	2016/2017	2017/2018	2018/2019	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Target	Polarity	DOT	
NEET	117c	% of Year 12-13 (academic age 16-17) young people who are not in education, employment or training (NEET) - (Snapshot)	Monthly	3.30%	2.90%	2.70%	3.00%	1.60%	2.30%	2.70%	-	Up is Bad	▲ Red
		Benchmark - National Data	Quarterly	3.00%	2.80%	2.80%	3.00%	1.70%	2.60%	2.80%	-		
		Benchmark - Regional Data	Quarterly	3.40%	3.30%	3.00%	3.40%	2.10%	2.90%	3.00%	-		
		Benchmark - Comparator Data	Quarterly	2.40%	2.50%	2.30%	2.40%	1.50%	2.20%	2.30%	-		
NEET02c	% of Year 12-13 (academic age 16-17) NEET who possess less than a L2 qualification (New definition Jan 2017) - (Snapshot)	Monthly	85.00%	81.00%	85.90%	80.60%	91.10%	91.00%	85.90%	80%	Up is Bad	◀▶ Neutral	
Obesity	NCMP01	% of reception year children recorded as being obese (single year)	Annual	8.52%	9.28%	-	-	-	-	-	-	Up is Bad	◀▶ Neutral
		Benchmark - National Data	Annual	9.61%	9.53%	-	-	-	-	-	-		
		Benchmark - Regional Data	Annual	9.72%	9.94%	-	-	-	-	-	-		
		Regional Rank (Rank out of 15)	Annual	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-		
	NCMP02	% of children in Year 6 recorded as being obese (single year)	Annual	16.13%	17.41%	-	-	-	-	-	-	Up is Bad	▲ Red
		Benchmark - National Data	Annual	19.98%	20.14%	-	-	-	-	-	-		
		Benchmark - Regional Data	Annual	20.42%	20.63%	-	-	-	-	-	-		
		Regional Rank (Rank out of 15)	Annual	1	4	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Physical Activity	PHOF01a	% of adults (aged 19+) that meet CMO recommendations for physical activity (150+ moderate intensity equivalent minutes per week)	Annual	72.03%	76.40%	-	-	-	-	-	-	Up is Good	▲ Green
		Benchmark - National Data	Annual	66.00%	66.30%	-	-	-	-	-	-		
		Benchmark - Regional Data	Annual	64.60%	64.00%	-	-	-	-	-	-		
		Regional Rank (Rank out of 15)	Annual	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-		

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Projects - Large	CORP10 L	Large Project - Provision of School Places	Quarterly	-	Green	Amber	Amber	Amber	Amber	Amber	-	Neutral	◀▶ Neutral	
		Large Project - Specialist Disabled Children Short Break Facility	Quarterly	-	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	-	Neutral	◀▶ Neutral	
		Large Project - Library Procurement Project	Quarterly	-	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	-	Neutral	◀▶ Neutral	
Public Health and Wellbeing	CHP30	Hospital admissions for asthma (0-18 years), per 100,000 population	Annual	139.7	150.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	Up is Bad	▲ Red	
		Benchmark - National Data	Annual	202.8	186.4	-	-	-	-	-	-			
		Benchmark - Regional Data	Annual	181.1	171.6	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Public Protection	PP08	% of births registered within 42 days	Monthly	98.00%	-	98.00%	96.00%	97.00%	99.00%	99.00%	-	Up is Good	◀▶ Neutr	
		Benchmark - National Data	Monthly	96.00%	-	97.00%	98.00%	97.00%	98.00%	98.00%	-			
		Benchmark - Regional Data	Monthly	98.00%	-	98.00%	97.00%	98.00%	98.00%	98.00%	-			
	PP09	% of still births registered within 42 days	Monthly	100.00%	-	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	-	Up is Good	◀▶ Neutral
		Benchmark - National Data	Monthly	99.00%	-	98.00%	95.00%	98.00%	97.00%	99.00%	-			
		Benchmark - Regional Data	Monthly	99.00%	-	98.00%	98.00%	98.00%	97.00%	98.00%	-			
	PP10	% of deaths registered within 5 days	Monthly	85.00%	-	86.00%	75.00%	82.00%	92.00%	93.00%	-	Up is Good	◀▶ Neutral	
		Benchmark - National Data	Monthly	78.00%	-	80.00%	81.00%	79.00%	83.00%	79.00%	-			
		Benchmark - Regional Data	Monthly	84.00%	-	85.00%	76.00%	84.00%	87.00%	85.00%	-			

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		Collection Frequency	2016/2017	2017/2018	2018/2019	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Target	Polarity	DOT	
Resident and Corporate Surveys	TAP11	% of panel who agree that they can influence decisions in their local area	Quarterly	25.65%	26.87%	28.95%	25.68%	NC	28.95%	NC	-	Up is Good	▲ Green
		Benchmark - Community Life Survey	Annual	26.53%	26.03%	-	-	-	-	-	-		
	TAP13	% of panel who give unpaid help to any group, club or organisation	Quarterly	64.30%	66.22%	64.72%	67.83%	NC	64.72%	NC	-	Up is Good	◄► Neutral
		Benchmark - Community Life Survey	Annual	62.68%	64.00%	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Safeguarding (Young People)	PHOF06a	Under 18 conceptions (per 1,000 females aged 15-17) (Rolling 12 Months)	Quarterly	16.8	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	Up is Bad	◄► Neutral
		Benchmark - National Data	Quarterly	18.5	17.3	-	-	-	-	-	-		
		Benchmark - Regional Data	Quarterly	21.3	20.4	-	-	-	-	-	-		
School Strategy and Planning	PriFSM	% of children who are eligible for a free school meal in the primary sector (excluding Danesgate)	Annual	7.80%	7.90%	-	-	-	-	-	-	Neutral	◄► Neutral
		Benchmark - National Data	Annual	14.10%	14.20%	-	-	-	-	-	-		
		Benchmark - Regional Data	Annual	15.90%	15.60%	-	-	-	-	-	-		
	SecFSM	% of eligible children taking a free school meal in the primary sector (excluding Danesgate) - (Snapshot)	Annual	77.27%	77.70%	-	-	-	-	-	-	Neutral	◄► Neutral
		% of children who are eligible for a free school meal in the secondary sector (excluding Danesgate)	Annual	6.20%	6.40%	-	-	-	-	-	-	Neutral	◄► Neutral
		Benchmark - National Data	Annual	12.90%	12.40%	-	-	-	-	-	-		
		Benchmark - Regional Data	Annual	14.70%	14.50%	-	-	-	-	-	-		
	% of eligible children taking a free school meal in the secondary sector (excluding Danesgate) - (Snapshot)	Annual	78.04%	76.10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	Neutral	◄► Neutral	

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No of Indicators = 47 | Direction of Travel (DoT) shows the trend of how an indicator is performing against its Polarity over time.
Produced by the Business Intelligence Hub July 2019

			Previous Years			2018/2019							
		Collection Frequency	2016/2017	2017/2018	2018/2019	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Target	Polarity	DOT	
Tourism	TOU01	Room Occupancy	Monthly	79.24%	79.43%	77.22%	76.93%	85.07%	79.90%	67.00%	-	Up is Good Neutral	◀▶ Neutral
	TOU04	Average Room Rate	Monthly	£95.09	£104.01	£107.07	£109.2	£111.76	£111.87	£95.43	-	Neutral	◀▶ Neutral
	TOU08	Visits to Attractions: Big Attractions	Monthly	2,376,573	2,562,582	3,125,153	864,967	1,029,901	673,103	557,182	-	Up is Good Green	▲ Green
	TOU09	Visits to Attractions: Small Attractions	Monthly	232,501	294,107	299,597	82,325	91,750	62,318	63,204	-	Up is Good Neutral	◀▶ Neutral
	TOU14	Parliament Street Footfall	Monthly	8,044,607	8,049,691	8,445,834	2,177,525	2,299,231	2,302,939	1,666,139	-	Up is Good Neutral	◀▶ Neutral
	TOU15	Visitor Information Centre Footfall	Monthly	401,206	390,681	363,274	103,786	111,860	77,205	70,423	-	Up is Good Red	▼ Red
Youth Offending	45	% of young people ending their YOT supervised court order who are NEET (NEW definition 2016/17 - cumulative) - (YTD)	Quarterly	20.40%	26.80%	29.50%	9.10%	25.00%	28.60%	29.50%	20%	Up is Bad Red	▲ Red
		% of 10-16 year olds ending their YOT supervised court order who are NEET - (NEW definition 2016/17 - cumulative) - (YTD)	Quarterly	0.00%	0.00%	6.70%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	6.70%	-	Up is Bad Red	▲ Red
		% of 16+ year olds ending their YOT supervised court order who are NEET (NEW definition 2016/17 - cumulative) - (YTD)	Quarterly	27.80%	39.30%	41.40%	20.00%	46.20%	47.60%	41.40%	-	Up is Bad Red	▲ Red



Children, Education and Communities Policy and Scrutiny Committee

23 July 2019

Report of the Assistant Director (Communities and Culture)

Refresh of Ward Committees

Summary

1. This report asks for some initial views from the scrutiny committee about key issues concerning the council's approach to ward committees.

Recommendations

2. The committee is asked to comment on the key issues to be included in a forthcoming report to the Executive.

Reason: To help shape the Executive paper.

Background

3. A report will be taken to the Executive on 29 August entitled: "Refresh of the Council's Approach to Ward Committees". This scrutiny committee is invited to help shape this Executive paper.

Potential Issues

4. **Allocation of any additional funding allocated to wards through the Supplementary Budget Proposals 2019/2020 to be considered at 17 July Council:**

This will be an opportunity for the scrutiny committee to contribute to the development of criteria for any funding agreed by Council.

5. **Members' knowledge of and confidence with the ward committee system:**

Are ward teams now established and meeting and are local priorities being developed?

Are ward members getting the best from their Community Involvement Officer (CIO)? Are they getting the kind of support they need?

Would some member sessions be useful to share best practice in operating the ward system and developing action plans?

6. Resident Engagement:

There are many excellent examples of innovative methods used by members to engage their residents.

Which methods are members finding most effective?

How can good practice be further developed? What other methods might be investigated?

7. Proving the value of ward working:

The Public Services (Social Value) Act 2013 requires people who commission public services to think about how they can also secure wider social, economic and environmental benefits. We are currently trialling tools to measure social value of ward schemes. How can we encourage its use?

How else should we assess the outcomes that we are achieving?

8. Ward Highway Schemes:

Difficulties have been experienced in progressing ward highways schemes in a timely manner. To address this, the following could be proposed:

- Communities and Equalities Team CIOs to liaise with ward councillors, residents and key partners to identify and highlight highways issues.
- Highways team to bring concerns and suggestions for consideration by wards to inform decision-making, including data about the key issues in the ward (condition surveys / customer requests / safety audits) to give further insight into priority issues and increase the relevance and robustness of decision-making.
- Wards key issues to be taken to a “walk about” with a highways engineer for initial assessment, comment and broad brush stroke feasibility, leading to a rough estimate being produced.

- CIO to complete a highways form of all schemes the ward would like to see acted on following the walk about, prioritising them where ideas outstrip budget.
- Highways to progress schemes from there, sending requests for clarifications or further actions to the Communities and Equalities Team Scheme Manager and bringing updates to a quarterly “capital schemes programme board meeting.”
- CIO to distribute updates to wards on a quarterly basis following programme board meetings.

Scrutiny members’ comments are requested. Are there any other suggestions.

9. **HEIP:**

The Housing Environment Improvement Programme is a four year programme with funding allocation to wards according to number of CYC housing properties. HEIP funds physical improvements to CYC housing land and property. It is managed by the Communities and Equalities Team with projects delivered by CYC teams or a contractor appointed in line with procurement processes.

Are members confident about the systems in place to identify and deliver appropriate schemes?

10. **Parish Liaison:**

Effective working with the city’s parishes is essential.

How well are wards working with their parishes (where applicable)?

Is there a need for any collective liaison arrangements?

11. **Other Possible Future Developments:**

What do other authorities do at ward / local level?

What else could usefully be devolved to a community level in the future?

Implications

12. The report has no Finance, Human Resources, Equalities, Legal, Crime and Disorder, Information Technology, Property or other implications.

Risk Management

13. There are no risks to consider that arise from this report.

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Wards Affected:

All

Abbreviations

CIO- Community Involvement Officer

CYC- City of York Council

HEIP- Housing Environment Improvement Programme



**Children, Education and Communities Policy
and Scrutiny Committee**

23 July 2019

Report of the Assistant Director – Legal & Governance

Food Poverty Scrutiny Review**Summary**

1. This report invites the Children, Education and Communities Policy and Scrutiny Committee to nominate a Member to sit on an Ad-Hoc Scrutiny Committee established by the Customer and Corporate Services Scrutiny Committee (CSMC) to investigate food poverty in York.

Background

2. During the previous administration, CSMC agreed to carry out a scrutiny review into Financial Inclusion in York with the aim of understanding the impact of Universal Credit on the city's citizens and the activities being run to promote Financial Inclusion.
3. In September 2018 CSMC agreed an initial remit for the review. However, in November 2018 CSMC considered a request that a 19 July 2018 Motion to Council on Food Poverty be added to the review remit. This was agreed and the following objectives were added:
 - i. To understand how the above issues are linked to apparently increasing levels of food poverty in York, including work on the following:
 - the background to food poverty in York including any available local statistics and how local measurement might be improved;
 - the current role of crisis support in York in mitigating food poverty;
 - a range of options for the Council and its partners to improve the city wide response to food poverty in York.

4. The Financial Inclusion Scrutiny Review Task Group had its final meeting on 13 February 2019 when it was agreed that issues around increasing food poverty in the city were complex and this should be the subject of a separate piece of work which could be picked up by the new administration after May's elections.
5. The review recommendations were agreed by Executive in March 2019 and these included a recommendation to the new administration that a deeper scrutiny review into the causes of and responses to food poverty is considered.
6. The topic was first considered by the new CSMC in June 2019 and again in July 2019 when Members agreed that as this subject cuts across the remits of other scrutiny committees the review should be carried out by an Ad-Hoc Scrutiny Committee involving Members other scrutiny committees. As a result CSMC agreed to invite a nominee from the Children, Education and Communities Policy and Scrutiny Committee and the Health and Adult Social Care Policy and Scrutiny Committee to take part in this piece of work, along with CSMC nominees Cllrs Fenton and Rowley.
7. CSMC also agreed the following remit for the review:
 - i. Identify indicators and measures for York to monitor the impact of food poverty
 - ii. Identify areas of best practice within these activities.
 - iii. Identify opportunities to coordinate activities to increase impact and carry out an assessment of current service provision and sustainability
 - iv. Identify opportunities to target activities at the lowest income households to more effectively prevent food poverty

Consultation

8. A scoping report considered by CSMC in July (Annex 1) was written in consultation with officers from teams across the Council engaged in work to reduce poverty. For the review into food poverty to be successful Ad-Hoc Scrutiny Committee Members will need to engage with organisations such as York Foodbank, York Food Poverty Alliance and informal providers of food aid.

Options

9. Member can consider the information in this report and its annex and can:
 - i. Agree to nominate a Member of this Committee to sit on the Ad-Hoc Scrutiny Committee looking into food poverty in York, or;
 - ii. Agree that food poverty is not a priority of this Committee and inform CSMC is does not wish to be involved in this review.

Analysis

10. There is no analysis in this report.

Council Plan

11. This report is linked to ‘a prosperous city for all’ and ‘a Council that listens to residents’ priorities in the Council Plan.

Implications

12. There are no implications associated with the recommendation in this report. However, if the Committee decide not to participate in this review CSMC will most likely proceed without representation from this Committee.

Risk Management

13. There are no risks associated with the recommendation in this report. However, while York may appear to be a rich city with a buoyant tourist industry, poverty is real – and growing – in a climate where food prices continue to rise and many incomes remain stagnant and this could present a significant risk to sections of the community unless there is a coordinated response to food poverty in York.

Recommendations

14. Members are asked to note the content of this report and its annex and nominate a Member to sit on the Ad-Hoc Scrutiny Committee investigating food poverty in York.

Reason: To understand and help tackle issues related to food poverty in York.

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Annexes

Annex 1 – CSMC Scoping report into food poverty



**Customer and Corporate Services Scrutiny
Committee****8 July 2019**

Report of the Assistant Director of Communities and Equalities

Food Poverty Scrutiny Review Scoping Report**Summary**

1. This report proposes a focus for the Food Poverty Scrutiny Review agreed at the 10th June 2019 meeting of the Customer and Corporate Services Scrutiny Management Committee (CSMC). Members of the Committee are asked to agree a suitable remit for a scrutiny review and identify the most cost effective actions City of York Council can take to minimise food poverty within the city.

Background

2. A Food Poverty Scrutiny Review Scoping Report was considered by this Committee on the 10th June 2019. The Committee requested that further work was conducted to define the focus of the review. The previous administration's CSMC proposed food poverty as a potential topic for a more detailed scrutiny review.
3. During the previous administration, CSMC agreed to carry out a scrutiny review into Financial Inclusion in York with the aim of understanding the impact of Universal Credit on the city's citizens and the activities being run to promote Financial Inclusion.
4. In September 2018 CSMC agreed an initial remit for the review. However, in November 2018 CSMC considered a request that a 19 July 2018 Motion to Council on Food Poverty be added to the review remit. This was agreed and the following objectives were added:
 - i. To understand how the above issues are linked to apparently increasing levels of food poverty in York, including work on the following:

- the background to food poverty in York including any available local statistics and how local measurement might be improved;
 - the current role of crisis support in York in mitigating food poverty;
 - a range of options for the Council and its partners to improve the city wide response to food poverty in York.
5. The Financial Inclusion Scrutiny Review Task Group had its final meeting on 13 February 2019 when it was agreed that issues around increasing food poverty in the city were complex and this should be the subject of a separate piece of work which could be picked up by the new administration after May's elections.
 6. The review recommendations were agreed by Executive in March 2019 and these included a recommendation to the new administration that a deeper scrutiny review into the causes of and responses to food poverty is considered, taking into account key elements of the York Food Poverty Alliance report.

Consultation

7. This report was written in consultation with officers from teams across the council engaged in work to reduce poverty.

Analysis

An overview of food poverty in York

8. There is no official measurement of food poverty in the UK. The UK government has adopted a relative measure of household poverty, defining households within income of 60% below the median as being poor.
9. Tackling food poverty can be divided into preventative measures, which seek to increase household income amongst low income families, through tools such as encouraging claiming of statutory benefits, and remedial interventions, such as providing food aid.
10. The previous scoping report identified that food aid provision in York can be divided into two separate models.
11. The first model can be characterised as targeted assistance. An example is the Trussell Trust, which runs four distributions centres in the city on a referral-only basis. Individuals are referred to the Foodbank

from a variety of agencies which have identified that the individual is unable to buy food for their family. The referring agencies will also provide advice to the individual to support the underlying cause of their poverty, for example helping them to establish a benefits claim or providing them with Financial Conduct Authority regulated debt advice, if they report household debts.

12. The second model of food provision has grown rapidly in recent years and is delivered by community groups across the city. Models vary, but are often characterised by being universal access, offering social and emotional support in addition to food aid and making use of food diverted from waste. The universal model means this provision is not targeted purely at people in crisis or meeting the definition of households in poverty. This means that the social value created by these projects accrues in several areas, for example alleviating food poverty, reducing social isolation and reducing food waste.
13. Analysis carried out by the Foodbank of the primary reason referral to a Foodbank for the period April to September 2017 found the top three referral reasons, amounting to two thirds of all reasons:
 - Low income 26.52%
 - Benefit delays 24.71%
 - Benefit changes 17.90%
14. Data also shows significant use among families. Between April 1st and November 30th 2018, York Foodbank served 2623, of whom 1008 were children. The previous year 1647 children had used the service out of a total 4262 people.
15. The data shows significant increase in demand for the services of the Foodbank. Increases in Foodbank use over recent years have been attributed to changes to the benefits system and in particular the transition to Universal Credit.
16. Given this link between changes in the benefits system and increase demand for food aid, it is likely that further increases are seen in forthcoming year. DWP intend to transition remaining legacy benefits claimants to Universal Credit between November 2020 and December 2023. In York an estimated 5,600 individuals claiming housing benefit, approximately 3,500 with children, are due to transition. This period of 'managed migration' has potential to cause significant new demand for food aid within the city.

17. The Council plays a significant role in the city in services which alleviate poverty and prevent recourse to food aid. These directly delivered services and funding of external delivery. For City of York Council provision which alleviate poverty and prevents use of food aid include:

- Promotion of the take up of statutory benefits (for example Council Tax Benefit)
- Provision and promotion of discretionary benefits and grant for households in crisis (for example Discretionary Housing Payments and the York Financial Assistance Scheme)
- Promotion of the take up of Free School Meals
- Promotion of the take up of early years places for 2 and 3 year olds (many of which offer meals as part of the entitlement)
- Promotion and provision of training and education to increase skills, increase employment and support individuals to secure higher paid work
- Support to advice providers to support individuals to maximise household income and access crisis support

Options

18. It is likely that the further migration of benefits claimants to Universal Credit is likely to create significant demand for food aid, unless additional preventative measures are introduced.

19. It is suggested that the scrutiny review focus on preventative measures which can be taken to prevent demand for food aid within the city reaching unsustainable levels.

20. It is suggested that the review focus on the follow:

- i. Identifying indicators and measures for York to monitor the impact of food poverty
- ii. Identifying areas of best practice within these activities
- iii. Identifying opportunities to coordinate activities to increase impact
- iv. Identifying opportunities to target activities at the lowest income households to more effectively prevent food poverty

21. Given the high proportion of children using food bank provision. It is proposed that preventative measures aimed at households with children are prioritised by the committee. Focus areas could be:

- Take up of Free School Meals
- Take up of Council Tax Support

- Commissioned services which support benefits take up
- Promotion of the take up of early years places for 2 and 3 year olds

22. Potential areas to investigate include:

- The introduction of a swipe card system at All Saints secondary school, which has minimised stigma associated with free school meals
- Take up rates for CTS and work carried out to promote claiming CTS
- Take up rates for early years places for 2 and 3 years olds in areas of deprivation within the city and work carried out to promote take up

Council Plan

23. Work to prevent food poverty is central to delivering the first goal of the Council Plan 2015-19 'A Prosperous City for All'.

Implications

24. **Financial** There are no financial implications

- **Human Resources (HR)** There are no HR implications
- **Equalities** There are no equalities implications
- **Legal** There are no legal implications
- **Crime and Disorder** There are no crime and disorder implications
- **Information Technology (IT)** There are no IT implications
- **Property** There are no property implications
- **Other**

Risk Management

25. There are no known risks.

Recommendations

26. It is recommended that Members consider the contents of this report, and consider recommending areas for future work by this Committee or an Ad Hoc Scrutiny Committee.

Reason: To inform Members of opportunities to help tackle food poverty.

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**Children, Education and Communities Policy and Scrutiny Committee
Draft Work Plan 2019-20**

<p>Tuesday 25 June 2019 @ 5.30pm</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Arrangements for Scrutiny in York 2. York CVS Bi-annual Service Level Agreement Update 3. York Theatre Royal Bi-annual update 4. Children, Education and Communities Service overview-Power point presentation 5. Draft Work Plan/Forward Plan
<p>Tuesday 23 July 2019 @ 5.30pm</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Attendance of the Executive Member for Culture, Leisure and Communities 2. York Museums Trust- Partnership Delivery Plan Bi- annual update 3. Year End Finance and Performance Monitoring Report 4. Update on Review of Ward Committees 5. CSMC Food Poverty Scrutiny Review 6. Work Plan
<p>Tuesday 24 September 2019 @ 5.30pm</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Attendance of Executive Member for Children, Young People and Education 2. York Safeguarding Partnership Bi annual Update report 3. 1st Quarter Finance and Performance Monitoring Report 4. Local Area Teams Audit update 5. Looked After Children Update report 6. Work Plan

<p>Tuesday 29 October 2019 @ 5.30pm</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Work Plan 2. Cultural Leaders Update
<p>Wednesday 27 November 2019 @ 5.30pm</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Work Plan
<p>Wednesday 18 December 2019 @ 5.30pm</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2nd Quarter Finance and Performance Monitoring Report 2. Work Plan
<p>Tuesday 28 January 2020 @ 5.30pm</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Work Plan 2. Peer Review 3. York Theatre Royal Bi-annual Report 4. York CVS Bi annual report
<p>Wednesday 26 February 2020 @ 5.30pm</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Work Plan 2. CYC Bi-annual report on Safeguarding and looked after children
<p>Tuesday 24 March 2020 @ 5.30pm</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 3rd Quarter Finance and Performance Monitoring Report 2. SACRE (Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education) Annual Report and review of York Schools' Agreed Syllabus 3. Work Plan

Wednesday 22 April 2020 @ 5.30pm	1. Work Plan
Wednesday 20 May 2020 @ 5.30pm	1. Work Plan

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