
Meeting	Decision Session - Executive Member for Culture, Leisure and Communities
Date	22 February 2022
Present	Councillor Smalley (Executive Member)

9. Declarations of Interest

The Executive Member was asked to declare, at this point in the meeting, any personal interests not included on the Register of Interests or any prejudicial or discloseable pecuniary interests that he might have in respect of the business on the agenda. None were declared.

10. Minutes

Resolved: That the minutes of the Decision Session held on 11 January 2022 be approved and signed by the Executive Member as a correct record.

11. Public Participation

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

12. York Learning – Self-Assessment Report 2020/21

The Executive Member considered a report that presented York Learning's Self-Assessment Report (SAR) for the academic year 20/21. The full report was attached at Annex 1 with performance data at the end of the report. It was noted that the final report had to be sent to Ofsted in February 2022.

The Head of York Learning outlined the report noting that there had been significant improvement in education and training achievement across the service from moving from 77.4% in 19/20 to 81.7% in 2020/21. It was felt that this was good despite not matching pre Covid levels. She further noted a drop in funding compared to pre Covid levels due to provision going online and she highlighted the support given to online learners, including the loan of equipment. She explained why York

Learning was judged to be Good in all Ofsted areas and the key areas for improvement to become Outstanding. She added that the present offer was being worked on and the challenge around doing this online.

The Executive Member noted the hard work of all York Learning staff. In response to questions from the Executive Member the Head of York Learning explained the reason for 441 learners moving on to full cost provision. She explained that the funding was there to support a wide range of people and a number of people were moving into private provision, and that this was an important part of learners managing their personal wellbeing. She explained that they were looking at developing transferable skills for employability, working with different partners to develop their clients' needs. She added that during the last year they had begun working with the CVS on social prescribing.

The Executive Member noted thanks for the work of York Learning, and he;

Resolved: That the findings of the service's self-assessment report be considered and that the final report be recommended for publication.

Reason: To help monitor the service and ensure robust governance arrangements.

Cllr Smalley, Executive Member
[The meeting started at 10.00 am and finished at 10.13 am].