

## **York Learning – Strategic Plan Update & Progress**

### **Summary**

1. This report presents performance data for York Learning. This is set against the Strategic Plan for the academic year 2015/16. It also presents some initial judgements as part of the service's self-assessment process. This is the first time Members will have seen this information.

### **Background**

2. York Learning is a council service which delivers a range of learning programmes to support people into employment, to improve their skills and to support their personal development. The service is funded almost exclusively from external contract funding and fee income. For the academic year 2015/16 this will be £2.3m.
3. This report gives an overview of the service and sets out some of the opportunities and challenges that the service faces over the next 12 months and beyond. It includes a detailed action plan and progress to date on the actions, shown at Annexes 1 & 2. Annex 3 contains some brief and emerging Self Assessment judgements that will form part of the services Leadership and Management report.
4. This is the first time that this report has been presented to Scrutiny Committee. The intention is to bring the report to Learning & Culture Policy and Scrutiny Committee as part of a regular reporting cycle to secure appropriate governance arrangements. The purpose of bringing the report is to establish robust and strategic governance processes, in part to satisfy OFSTED inspection requirements. York Learning is subject to similar OFSTED inspections as schools and colleges.

### **Options**

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

## Council Plan 2015-19

6. York Learning plan is set within the context of the council plan but also responds to a number of national policy objectives.

### Implications

7. **Finance:** The service is fully funded via external contracts and grants.
8. The report has no implications relating to: Human Resources, Equalities, Legal, Crime and Disorder, Information Technology, Property.

### Risk Management

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

### Recommendations

10. That Members comment upon the performance of York Learning and on the emerging self-assessment judgements

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

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### Wards Affected:

All



**For further information please contact the author of the report**

**Background Papers:** None

### Annexes:

**Annex 1** - Strategic/Service Plan 2015/16

**Annex 2** - Update Report–York Learning Strategic Service Plan: Actions 2015/16

**Annex 3** - Emerging Self Assessment Judgements