

Further Update of Implementation of Recommendations from Financial Inclusion Scrutiny Review

Recommendation	Implementation as of March 2020
<p>And requests Council to:</p> <p>ii. Agree that a review and refresh of the 2012 Financial Inclusion Policy and associated Action Plan should be undertaken. This review should include, but not be limited to, consideration of the work of Advice York and the Financial Inclusion Steering Group, the impact of the roll-out of Universal Credit, measures to address food poverty and support for digital inclusion;</p>	<p>Implementation as of September 2019: This report was discussed at the Financial Inclusion Steering Group on 26th June 2019 which agreed to receive a delivery plan for the review and refresh of the Strategy at its next meeting, which is scheduled for 25th September 2019. Planning work has commenced and will incorporate a pre Decision Scrutiny report to this Committee in addition to any scrutiny involvement in the consultation process.</p> <p><i>Update: Taking part in development of new Economic Strategy in which in-work poverty and digital inclusion/development are likely to feature. Also awaiting outcome from Corporate Scrutiny Review into Poverty – both will feed into shaping Financial Inclusion priorities.</i></p>
<p>x. Raise awareness within Council directorates of the impact that their policies and actions can have on more vulnerable members of the community, and encourage more cross-council and cross-partner engagement;</p>	<p>Financial Inclusion Steering Group have agreed to review its internal membership to ensure Directorate Management Team level representation from all key service areas to supplement the recent addition of Public Health Completed</p> <p>To consider holding regular events at which operational staff can be engaged through awareness sessions on key issues. This worked well in a similar session on the York Financial Assistance Scheme. <i>To engage services in Citizens Online event – date to be established.</i></p>

<p>xi. Ensure that after May 2019 all new and existing Members have comprehensive training around Financial Inclusion so they have a full understanding of the role of the council and its partners.</p>	<p>The training was included in the Member development programme this civic year and first session was held on 29 January and the next planned for March 17 2020. Completed.</p>
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