
Meeting	Decision Session - Executive Leader (incorporating Policy, Strategy and Partnerships)
Date	15 January 2020
Present	Councillors Aspden and Waller (Executive Members)
Apologies	

9. Declarations of Interest

The Executive Leader was 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 that he might have had in respect of business on the agenda.

Cllr Waller declared a personal interest in relation to item 4 of the agenda, as he was a school governor at York High School and Westfield Primary school, as well as, being the Secretary at Acomb Alive! (Acomb Traders Association).

10. Minutes

Resolved: that the minutes of the previous meeting held on the 18 September 2019 were approved and signed by the Executive Leader as an accurate record.

11. Public Participation

It was reported that there had been two registrations to speak at the meeting under the Council's Public Participation Scheme, both speakers had registered to speak regarding item 4. Inclusive Growth Fund- update.

Gwen Swinburn praised the projects outlined in the report. They asked if there would be the option to extend the funding of projects outlined in the report if they were deemed a success.

Cllr. P Kilbane welcomed the use of money being used for inclusive growth, but questioned the use of an inclusive growth fund in particular to deliver several of the projects outlined in the report. They raised concerns about a perceived lack of clarity around continual funding, concerns about funds

being potentially too low to deliver inclusive growth, and concerns about the projects not being clear how they would deliver inclusive growth.

12. Inclusive Growth Fund - update

The Executive Members considered a report which provided further background on the inclusive growth challenges that York faces, the approach that would be taken to address these through a new Economic Strategy, and the progress that had been made in establishing the projects outlined at the 18 September Executive Leader's Decision Session.

Extensive discussion took place around each of the eight projects included in the report. Officers confirmed that they would circulate to the Executive Members after the meeting clarity on if the Community Job Fairs project included the City Centre job fairs or if it is those outside the city centre only. The Executive Members enquired as to how each of the projects would be monitored, it was confirmed that, each project would need to be monitored differently and that further ways of monitoring would need to be developed for different projects.

Resolved:

- i. That the progress that has been made on developing the agreed projects be noted and agreed that a future report would be brought back to the Executive Leader to ensure that outcomes were delivered;
- ii. That approval was given to the commissioning of those projects as set out in paragraphs 11 to 28 of the report;
- iii. That the Executive Leader delegated the funding decision for 14+ vocational training and work projects (paragraphs 21 and 22 of the report) to the Corporate Director of Children, Education and Communities in consultation with the Executive Leader.

Reason: So that the Council develops a pipeline of projects that positively address inclusive growth in the City of York.

Cllr. K Aspden, Executive Leader

[The meeting started at 6.25 pm and finished at 6.56 pm].