
Meeting	Economy & Place Policy Development Committee
Date	27 September 2017
Present	Councillors Cuthbertson (Chair), Kramm (Vice-Chair), Cullwick, Dew, Looker, Richardson and Pavlovic (as a Substitute for Cllr D My)
Apologies	Councillor D Myers

13. Declarations of Interest

Members were asked to declare any personal interests not included on the Register of Interests or any prejudicial or disclosable pecuniary interests that they might have in respect of the business on the agenda.

Councillor Pavlovic declared a personal non prejudicial interest in agenda item 6 (Impact of Arts and Culture on York Economy Scrutiny Review – Draft Final Report) as he undertook paid work for the housing charity Restore.

Councillor Cullwick declared a personal non prejudicial interest in the same item as, although he was not a trustee of the charity, he also worked closely with Restore.

Cllr Cuthberston declared a personal non prejudicial interest in the same item as a trustee of York Museums Trust. He advised that he had not taken part in the work of the Task Group on this review.

14. Minutes

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on 26 July 2017 be approved as a correct record and then signed by the Chair.

15. Public Participation

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

16. Priorities & Challenges for 2017/18

The Executive Member for Transport and Planning had been scheduled to attend the meeting to present an update on the priorities and challenges within his portfolio area for 2017-18 however he was unable to attend due to unforeseen circumstances.

Resolved: That the Executive Member update be deferred to a future meeting of the committee.

Reason: In order that scrutiny members have the opportunity to receive an update and to question the Executive Member thereon.

17. Presentation on the Medium Term Future of Urban Transport

Members received a presentation from the council's Transport Systems Manager on the medium term future of urban transport. A briefing note had been included in the agenda papers for members information.

The presentation provided an overview of the technologies emerging in transport and the effect that they and the wider changes in society would likely have on local transport use and provision. This included the role of the council as operator of the city's transport network and the challenges posed in terms of how to develop and plan the road network and how to manage the development of the city centre more generally.

The Transport Systems Manager provided further information in response to questions asked by Members and specifically in relation to what these changes would mean in York.

Resolved: That the presentation and briefing note be noted.

Reason: In order that Members are kept updated on the potential for urban transport developments.

18. Impact of Arts & Culture on York Economy Scrutiny Review - Draft Final Report

Members were presented with the draft final report of the Arts and Culture Scrutiny Review Task Group on the Impact of the Arts and Culture Sectors on the York Economy Scrutiny Review. The report included all the information gathered by the task group together with the task group's conclusions and draft recommendations.

The Chair advised Members that since the agenda had been published, a significant government review on creative industries in the UK had been released, covering the whole range of creative industries and associated industries e.g. those involved in the display, marketing and dissemination of culture. Having spoken to the task group chair, he expressed the view that this report had considerable significance for the work of the task group.

The Assistant Director advised that the government review's key propositions around creative clusters and creative leaders offered a distinctive way forward and that it would be wise for York to consider what could be learnt and how it might position itself going forward. He expressed the view that the review scoped out the nature of the sector in a particularly clear way which York might want to respond to and consider how York's sector mapped onto the way described in the report.

The Chair of the Task Group agreed that the task group should meet with the Scrutiny Officer to look at strengthening the draft final report in light of the newly published review. Another task group member suggested that the recommendations be made more specific, so that the report could be used to form the basis of any future application for funding available to recognised creative clusters.

Resolved: That consideration of the draft final report be deferred to a future meeting in order that it could be looked at again in light of the newly published government review.

Reason: To conclude the review in line with scrutiny procedures and protocols

19. Work Plan 2017/18

The Committee considered the work plan for the 2017/18 municipal year.

The Chair advised that the Executive Member for Transport and Planning would be invited to attend the next meeting on 22 November meeting to present his update and that the committee would also receive either the draft final report, or progress report, on the Impact of the Arts and Culture Sectors on the Economy of York Scrutiny Review at this meeting too.

Committee Members were asked to confirm their availability to attend an informal workshop on the strategic management of the council's commercial portfolio and the development of the council's Asset Management Strategy at 5.30pm on 8th November. As the majority of Members present confirmed they could attend this session, this date was confirmed and it was agreed that a separate briefing would be arranged for those members not available on this date.

The Chair advised that the committee had 4-5 policy areas to look at including asset management, the topic for the informal workshop, and the Transport Fleet Review. The scrutiny officer advised that following the workshop, there would be a piece of work in relation to the Asset Management Strategy and suggested, after the workshop, a task group be set up to focus on that piece of work.

One Member suggested that the Draft Animal Welfare Licensing Policy, on which consultation was due to end soon, may be something that the committee would benefit from looking at. It was agreed that the scrutiny officer would liaise with officers to determine whether this would fall within the remit of the policy development or the scrutiny committee.

Resolved: That the draft work plan for 2017-18, including the above amendments, be approved.

Reason: To ensure that the Committee has an agreed programme of work in place.

Councillor Cuthbertson , Chair
[The meeting started at 5.30 pm and finished at 7.25 pm].