

Meeting	Executive
Date	19 May 2022
Present	Councillors Aspden (Chair), Ayre, Craghill, Cuthbertson, D'Agorne, Runciman, Smalley, Waller and Widdowson
In Attendance	Councillor Douglas

Chair's Remarks

The Chair welcomed Cllr Douglas to the meeting and congratulated her on her recent appointment as Leader of the Labour Group.

122. Declarations of Interest

Members were asked to declare at this point in the meeting any disclosable pecuniary interest or other registerable interest they might have in respect of business on the agenda, if they had not already done so in advance on the Register of Interests.

Cllr Waller declared an interest in Agenda Item 5 (Minute 126 refers), as a governor of Westfield Primary School.

Cllr Douglas declared an interest in Agenda Items 5 and 6 (Minutes 126 and 127 refer), as Chair of Tang Hall Community Centre and Big Futures Foundation.

123. Minutes

Resolved: That the minutes of the Executive meeting held on 21 April 2022 be approved and then signed by the Chair as a correct record.

124. Public Participation

It was reported that there had been one registration to speak at the meeting under the Council's Public Participation Scheme.

Flick Williams spoke on matters within the Executive's remit. She queried how York's bid to the Headquarters of GBR would

be viewed, in the light of recent events leading to the perception of the city as hostile to disabled people.

125. Forward Plan

Members received and noted details of the items that were on the Forward Plan for the next two Executive meetings at the time the agenda was published.

126. School Holiday Food Scrutiny Review Final Report

Cllr Daubeney, as Chair of the Children, Education and Communities Scrutiny & Policy Committee, presented the final report of the Task Group set up by the committee to review support for children's food during school holiday times.

The six recommendations arising from the extensive consultation and key findings of the review were reproduced in paragraph 6 of the cover report. They had been approved by the Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 3 May 2022. In respect of Recommendation 4, it was reported that an additional £50k had been recently been allocated to food vouchers at the Decision Session of the Executive Member for Finance & Performance.

Members welcomed the report and thanked the Task Group for their work, whilst highlighting the need to continue to lobby the government for funding to support children and families.

Resolved: (i) That the recommendations of the review, as set out in paragraph 6 of the cover report, be approved.

Reason: To conclude the scrutiny review in line with the City of York Council's scrutiny procedures and protocols.

(ii) That the Executive Leader, the Leader of the Labour Group and the Chair of the Scrutiny committee write jointly to the relevant government Minister on the need for additional government funding and support, enclosing a copy of the review report.

Reason: To continue to lobby government on a cross-party basis for funding to support children and families, against the background of the cost of living crisis.

127. Scrutiny Review into Community Hubs

Cllr Webb, as Vice-Chair of the Children, Education and Communities Scrutiny & Policy Committee, presented the final report of the Task Group set up by the committee to undertake a review of Community Hubs.

The recommendations arising from the extensive consultation and key findings of the review, consisting of a list of requirements for successful community hubs, were reproduced in paragraph 6 of the cover report. They had been approved by the Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 3 May 2022.

In supporting the recommendations, the Executive Member for Culture, Leisure & Communities thanked the Task Group and all who had taken part in the review, highlighting in particular the involvement of charities and the voluntary sector.

Resolved: That the recommendations of the review, as set out in paragraph 6 of the cover report, be approved.

Reason: To conclude the scrutiny review in line with the City of York Council's scrutiny procedures and protocols.

Cllr K Aspden, Chair

[The meeting started at 5.30 pm and finished at 6.22 pm].