



**Notice of meeting of  
Learning & Culture Overview & Scrutiny Committee**

**To:** Councillors Potter, Looker (Chair), Brooks (Vice-Chair),  
Aspden, Crisp, Hogg, Taylor, Waudby and  
Mr W Schofield (Co-opted Statutory Member)

**Date:** Wednesday, 9 March 2011

**Time:** 5.00pm

**Venue:** Guildhall

**AGENDA**

**1. Declarations of Interest** (Pages 1 -  
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At this point Members are asked to declare any personal or prejudicial interests they may have in the business on this agenda.

**2. Minutes** (Pages 5 -  
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To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 26 January 2011.

**3. Public Participation**

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**4. 2010-11 Third Quarter Monitoring Report - (Pages 13 - Finance and Performance in Children and 18) Young People's Services and Lifelong Learning and Culture**

This report analyses the latest performance for 2010/11 and forecasts the outturn position by reference to the service plan, the budget and the performance indicators for all of the relevant services falling under the responsibility of the Director of Adults, Children & Education and the Director of Communities & Neighbourhoods.

**5. Attendance of Executive Member for Children & Young People's Services**

The Executive Member for Children and Young People's Services will attend the meeting to give a verbal update on the work within her portfolio area.

**6. A Presentation on Delivering Youth Work in York 2011/12 and Beyond**

A presentation will be given to provide Members with an indication of how youth work can be provided in the light of the Council's budget for youth work in 2011/12 and beyond.

**7. Learning and Culture Overview and Scrutiny (Pages 19 - Committee Workplan 2010-11 and Draft 22) Workplan for 2011-12**

Members are asked to consider the Committee's workplan for the remainder of the current municipal year and the draft workplan for the 2011-12 municipal year.

**8. Urgent Business**

Any other business which the Chair considers urgent under the Local Government Act 1972

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- Review existing policies and assist in the development of new ones, as necessary; and
- Monitor best value continuous service improvement plans

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**Learning and Culture Overview & Scrutiny Committee 2010-11**

**Agenda Item 1 – Declarations of Interest**

Please state any amendments you have to your declarations of interest.

Committee Members

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| Councillor Aspden | Member of the National Union of Teachers (NUT)<br>Employee of North Yorkshire County Council<br>Governor at Danesgate Centre, Fulford Cross<br>Governor at St Oswalds Primary School |
| Councillor Brooks | Employee of The Manchester College<br>Member of the Association of Teachers and Lecturers (ATL)  |
| Councillor Crisp  | Governor at Poppleton Road Primary School<br>Director of Visit York  |
| Councillor Hogg   | Council's Lib Dem Representative on Visit York<br>Member of York Museums Trust<br>Employee of the National Railway Museum  |
| Councillor Looker | Governor of Park Grove Primary School<br>Governor of Canon Lee Secondary School<br>Company Secretary, York Theatre Royal<br>Member of York Museum Trust                              |
| Councillor Potter | Chair of Governors of Tang Hall Primary School<br>Member of Bell Farm Adventure Playground   |
| Councillor Taylor | Employee of City Screen, York  |
| Councillor Waudby | Governor of Lakeside Primary School  |

Substitutes

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| Councillor Firth    | Governor of Wigginton Primary School  |
| Councillor D'Agorne | LEA Governor at Fishergate Primary School<br>Employee of York College, Guidance Service |

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City of York Council

Committee Minutes

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| MEETING   | LEARNING & CULTURE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE  |
| DATE      | 26 JANUARY 2011   |
| PRESENT   | COUNCILLORS POTTER, LOOKER (CHAIR), BROOKS (VICE-CHAIR), ASPDEN, CRISP, TAYLOR AND WAUDBY |
| APOLOGIES | COUNCILLORS HOGG AND MR W SCHOFIELD (CO-OPTED STATUTORY MEMBER)                           |

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**26. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

At this point in the meeting Members were asked to declare any personal or prejudicial interests they might have in the business on the agenda or any other general interests they might have within the remit of the Committee, which were not already included on the list of standing declarations of interests, attached to the agenda.

Councillor Crisp asked that the list of standing declarations of interests be updated to show that she is no longer on the York Theatre Royal Board.

Councillor Potter declared a general personal interest as member of Bell Farm Adventure Playground.

**27. MINUTES**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of the Learning and Culture Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 8 December 2010 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

**28. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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

**29. MEETING WITH THE NEW CHAIR OF YORK@LARGE**

Members welcomed the new Chair and Vice Chair of York @ Large to the meeting to discuss the ongoing work of York @ Large and how it works with the Council and other partners to deliver joint services.

The Chair of York @ Large gave a presentation updating Members on projects and events that York @ Large had been involved in recently. She explained that York @ Large had provided strategic support in the City of

York's bid to become a UNESCO World Heritage site as well as providing support for the UNESCO Creative City bid which was due to be submitted this summer. She drew Members attention to the benefits to the city by seeing York promoted at other locations outside the city, giving the production of the Railway Children at London's Waterloo Station and the Yorkshire exhibition at the British Museum in London as examples of this.

The Vice Chair of York @ Large advised Members that nationally, the creative industries, including the cultural industry, were amongst the biggest growth areas despite the recession and stressed that any city aiming to prosper as an economic city needed to be aware of this. He explained that locally, York @ Large had created a forum for all the cultural organisations to work together and it was this partnership which had supported the production of the Railway Children in York. He stressed that this would not have been possible if it had not been for the relationships which had built up over time within the partnership. He stated that, in the current difficult climate, people would increasingly need to work collaboratively and pool resources in order to achieve the best outcomes for the city.

With regard to Councillor representation on York @ Large, Members suggested that it would be beneficial to have a second Councillor representative on the group in order to provide more flexibility with regard to attending meetings and providing feedback to other Members. The Chair at York @ Large explained that their structure was currently being reviewed and that she would take this suggestion back to the Group for consideration.

RESOLVED: That the update on York @ Large be noted.

REASON: In order that Members are kept informed on work undertaken by the Council's strategic partners.

**30. ATTENDANCE OF THE CHAIR OF SMC TO DISCUSS THE ONGOING IMPROVEMENTS IN OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY**

The Chair of the Scrutiny Management Committee (SMC) attended the meeting in order to hear Committee Members views on the effectiveness of scrutiny generally in York and specifically on the success of ongoing changes and improvements to current scrutiny practices. He explained that this would help inform SMC in its efforts to improve the experience of scrutiny at work in York.

Members presented the following views:

- If scrutiny is used correctly it can be a very powerful tool but it must have a purpose.
- Scrutiny provides the opportunity to look at subjects in some depth.
- Cross cutting scrutiny is better. Alignment to corporate strategy is important.
- Would like more involvement in pre-decision scrutiny

- Reviews should be short and interesting - topics should be meaningful and allow Members to get involved in different ways.
- It is easier for Members to focus their minds if the work is narrowly focused, like ad-hoc scrutiny committees.
- Area based scrutiny reviews can be powerful.
- Members of scrutiny committees should ensure that they take advantage of training opportunities offered to them.
- It is important to have a good chair to guide the committee through topics put forward.
- It is beneficial for the relevant Executive Member(s) to attend scrutiny meetings, at least on annual basis, so that the Committee is kept up to date with important issues under the Exec Member' remit.
- It is important that relationships with strategic partnerships, such as York @ Large, are maintained.
- Consideration should be given to whether scrutiny committees should receive monitoring reports on a regular basis or whether Members need only be advised where there are significant changes to note. Members acknowledged that some topics worthy of the Committee's involvement have come to light through receiving monitoring reports.
- It is important that reports are received by the committee at correct time so they do not become irrelevant and out of date.
- The scrutiny process can be sluggish – there should be less bureaucracy/ less paperwork
- Committees are large and therefore the process of allowing each member to have their say is lengthy and meetings can be long.
- In summary, meetings should be more frequent, committees should be smaller and work should be more focused.

The Chair of SMC agreed to pass on Members comments to the SMC and Members were advised that SMC would publish draft findings during the first half of February.

- RESOLVED:
- (i) That the update provided by the Chair of SMC be noted.
  - (ii) That Members comments on scrutiny be passed on to SMC for their consideration.

REASON: In order that Scrutiny Members views are used inform SMC in its efforts to improve the experience of scrutiny at work in York.

**31. UPDATE ON IMPLEMENTATION OF OUTSTANDING RECOMMENDATIONS ARISING FROM SCRUTINY REVIEWS CARRIED OUT BY EDUCATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

Members received a report which provided them with an update on the implementation of recommendations made as a result of two scrutiny reviews, on School Governors and the Extended Schools Agenda, which were previously completed by the Education Scrutiny Committee.

The Assistant Director, Integrated Commissioning and the Head of Extended Services provided an update on the outstanding recommendations in relation to the review of the Extended Schools Agenda. Members noted that with regards to recommendation 3, much work had been done in relation to improving cluster arrangements and towards the establishment of extended services partnership co-ordinators however city of york had not been able to take this forward due to financial constraints. However they noted that good relationships had been built with extended schools, work had been carried out with a number of schools on an ad-hoc basis and in particular with schools in disadvantaged areas. Members were advised that the extended schools service had played a large part in the improvement in academic results for these schools.

The Director of Adults, Children and Education provided an update on the outstanding recommendations in relation to the review of School Governors and Members acknowledged that there was a continuing recruitment problem in this area but agreed that the recommendations should be signed off.

RESOLVED: (i) That, in relation to the School Governors review, all three outstanding recommendations be written off as fully implemented.

(ii) That, in relation to the Extended School Agenda review, all six outstanding recommendations be written off as fully implemented.

REASON; To raise awareness of those recommendations which have still to be implemented and those which can be signed off.

## **32. PRESENTATION ON LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN**

The Director of Adults, Children and Education and the Assistant Director, Children's Specialist Services provided a short presentation to Members to enable them to scrutinise the trends, patterns and performance of looked after children in York.

They advised Members that the number of looked after children in York had plateaued over the last 18 months following a sharp increase during the preceding four years. Members noted that other neighbouring authorities were now seeing the same increase that York witnessed earlier.

They explained that children were now staying longer in care rather than yo-yoing back into the community then back into care which is an improvement. They explained than an increased proportion of children were now placed with foster carers and that this was the preferred placement choice. They reported an increase in the number of foster carers with 113 foster parents now in the city with a further 7 currently receiving training and explained that this had enabled them to reduce the

number of foster parents with more than two foster children and provide children with a choice of placement best suited to their needs. Furthermore they noted that, over the last three to four years, they had seen an improvement in placement stability and better matching of needs for children.

They drew members attention to the Council Pledge for looked after children in York which had been drawn up by children on the 'Show Me Why I Matter' Panel and which had been approved by the Executive Member for Children and Young People's Services and was now issued to all looked after children and young people in York.

Members acknowledged that there had been encouraging progress in relation to looked After children and the Chair thanked the Director of Adults, Children and Education and the Assistant Director, Children's Specialist Services for their presentation to the Committee.

RESOLVED: That the presentation be noted.

REASON: In order that Members are kept informed of the Council's performance in relation to looked after children.

### **33. REPORT ON LEVELS OF ADULT PARTICIPATION IN SPORT AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY**

Members received a report which updated them on current progress with performance relating to adult participation rates in sport and physical activity. The report outlined performance against LAA indicators and highlighted indicative progress measures.

The Head of Sport and Active Leisure explained the methods for collecting data for both indicator NI8 (the percentage of adults participating in 3 x 30 minutes of sport per week) which is collected through a national telephone survey carried out by MORI, and LI5 (the percentage of adults participating in 5 x 30 minutes of moderate intensity physical activity per week) which is collected through a citywide talkabout survey and updated members on performance for both indicators.

She drew Members attention to the results of the Active People 1 survey in 2006 which had shown a notable difference in participation rates between those in lower socio economic groups, those aged 55+ and those with a limiting disability against the average adult population in the city and explained how the gap in these groups of people had narrowed in subsequent years, particularly in relation to people with limiting disabilities. She explained that this had been achieved through focused work with target groups across the city and in particular providing increasing opportunities for people with limiting disabilities to participate in sporting activity.

She provided Members with examples of indicative measures of progress/ actions which had taken place in relation to increasing participation in sport

and physical activity in the city, including the “Just 30” campaign and answered specific questions raised by Members on these measures and around funding.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted and progress on performance be acknowledged.

REASON: In order that Members can understand the challenges faced in ensuring a step change in residents lifestyles and prioritise the resources required to make these changes.

**34. YORK THEATRE ROYAL - SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT PERFORMANCE UPDATE REPORT**

Members received a report which informed them of the progress and performance of the York Theatre Royal during the previous six months, under the current Service Level Agreement (SLA) which runs to March 2012.

The Chief Executive of York Theatre Royal attended the meeting and she provided an update on the work which had taken place in relation to the refurbishment of the De Grey Rooms which the Theatre would move into by the end of March. She explained that part of the refurbishment included the restoration of the ballroom which would offer York a new venue for public dances and private events and which was a fabulous asset for the city. She explained that the next stage was to look at De Grey House, which the City of York Council was currently in the process of vacating, and to work alongside York Civic Trust to make the house work as a creative hub which would provide the opportunity to bring into the city a number of creative organisations who were currently operating outside the city.

The Chair thanked the Chief Executive of York Theatre Royal for an interesting and very positive report.

RESOLVED: That the report and update on the refurbishment of the De Grey Rooms be noted.

REASON: To fulfil the Council’s role under the Service Agreement.

**35. LEARNING AND CULTURE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORKPLAN 2010-11**

Members considered the Committee’s workplan for the remainder of the 2010-11 civic year.

Members noted that the Executive Member for Children and Young People’s Services and the Executive Member for Leisure, Culture and

Social Inclusion would be invited to attend the next meeting of the Committee on 9 March to provide an update on work within their remit.

It was also agreed that an update on the Youth Service would be presented to Members at the next meeting and an update on Public Art at the new Council Headquarters would be presented at a future meeting in the new municipal year.

RESOVLED: That the workplan be updated to reflect the changes above.

REASON: To progress the work of the Committee.

Councillor J Looker, Chair

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**Learning & Culture Overview & Scrutiny Committee**

09 March 2011

Report of the Director of Adults, Children & Education and the Director of Communities & Neighbourhoods

**2010-11 Third Quarter Monitoring Report – Finance and Performance in Children and Young People’s Services and Lifelong Learning and Culture****Summary**

- 1 This report analyses the latest performance for 2010/11 and forecasts the outturn position by reference to the service plan, the budget and the performance indicators for all of the relevant services falling under the responsibility of the Director of Adults, Children & Education and the Director of Communities & Neighbourhoods.

**Financial Analysis**

- 2 Communities & Neighbourhoods are predicting financial pressures within Lifelong Learning & Culture of £269k. The directorate’s income generating services are the main contributory factor with shortfalls in income projected for the Performing Arts Service of £75k (previously £130k) and the Adult Education Service of £24k (previously £52k). Income shortfalls continue in the Library Service of £175k (previously £173k) which, along with overspends on staffing and IT costs of £72k, results in a total forecast overspend of £247k for this service. There are also pressures in Arts & Culture due to reduced income of £25k and a forecast underspend of £102k in sport and active leisure is due to underspends on staffing, premises and facilities management.
- 3 Work is continuing on identifying alternative options that will address these income shortfalls. The directorate will also address its current position via vacancy management measures and a freeze on non-essential spend in order to stay within the overall approved budget by the end of the financial year.
- 4 Within Adults, Children & Education, the Children & Young People’s Services General Fund budgets are now only projecting a small overspend of £33k. This compares to a projection of £425k at quarter 2, an improvement of £392k. Within this net figure are the following significant variations:
  - i) Additional cost of maintaining current staffing levels for children’s social care at £127k (previously £70k), in particular the continued use of agency staff whilst the service completes its major staffing restructure.
  - ii) Pressure on home to school transport budgets of £238k (previously £164k), where the additional savings target allocated to the service during the 2010/11 budget process is unlikely to be achieved.

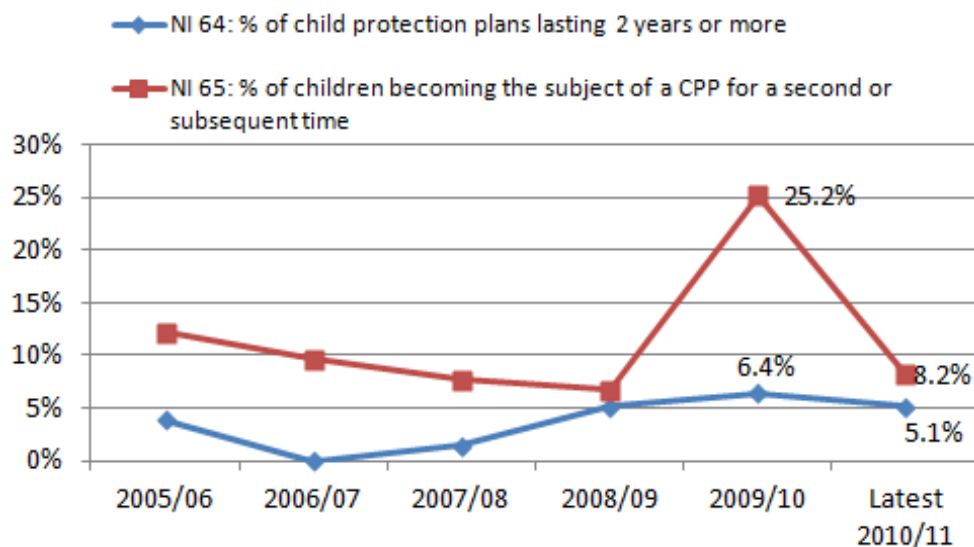
iii) A projected underspend on fostering costs of £114k (previously £69k). This is largely due to a reduction in the number of Looked After Children (LAC) placed in Independent Fostering Agencies (IFA) placements, which are more expensive than placements with local foster carers.

- 5 These pressures are offset by vacancy management measures across the service and a freeze on all non-essential discretionary spend. Work is ongoing to identify further actions to reduce the reported position.
- 6 In addition to this children's services has had to identify £1,290k of savings in response to in-year government grant cuts. Difficult decisions have had to be taken in order to reduce expenditure on a wide range of community based schemes within the Early Intervention Fund as well as the Youth Volunteering Project. Full details were reported to the meeting of the Executive Member on 14 September.

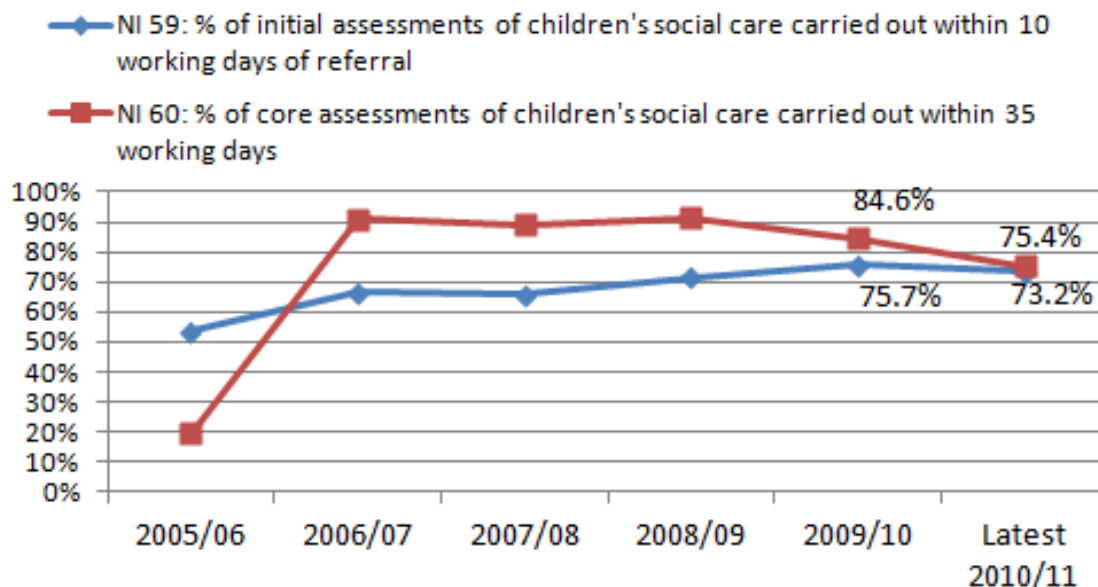
**Performance Indicators**

Children's Social Care

- 7 Quarter 2 reported good improvements in children in care placement and processing time for assessments/referrals. This trend has continued in Q3, with particular improvement in the speed that looked after children cases are reviewed. Similarly, child protection plans (CPPs) lasting 2 or more years also reporting encouraging reductions from the increase seen in 2009/10 - see graph below (lower is better).



- 8 Performance for the number of initial and core child social care assessments which are completed outside designated timescales is still a concern, with both showing a decline in performance since 2009/10 (higher is better) - see graph below. Further work via the implementation of Common Assessment Framework / lead practitioner activity and integrated 'Front Door' arrangements should see improved results in the future.



### Educational Attainment

- 9 At Q2 good improvement was reported across a number of school attainment results, including pupils achieving 2+ A\*-C grades in Science GCSEs and pupils progressing 2 levels in English & Maths between KS1 & KS2, placing York as one of the top performing authorities nationally. Progress for school improvement continues in Q3, with schools achieving a 54% increase in the number of students taking vocational studies (e.g. BTEC & OCR nationals), which allows some students to attain equivalent qualifications to grade C or above at GCSE. This reflects curriculum changes over the past two years, with vocational courses introduced for pupils for which GCSEs only, are not suitable.

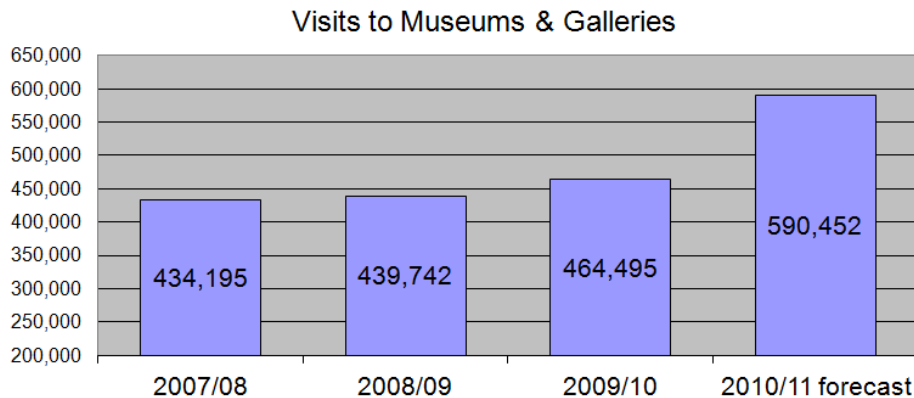
| Indicator  | 2007-08 | 2008-09 | 2009-10 | 2010-11 Latest | Improving ? | On target ? |
|--|---------|---------|---------|----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Number of vocational entries at the end of KS4                   | 1034    | 1571    | 1595    | <b>2461</b>    | Yes         | Yes         |
| Number of fixed term exclusions in primary and secondary schools | 0.25%   | 0.11%   | 0.01%   | <b>0.01%</b>   | Stable      | Yes         |

- 10 York also has one of the lowest levels nationally, of pupil exclusions in its primary and secondary schools (currently 0.01%). This has been achieved through schools adopting different ways of managing behaviour without the need to resort to exclusion, especially in the secondary schools. A consequence of this is an increase in the numbers of pupils attending the Danesgate Centre, which is now running at near capacity. The Behavioural and Attendance partnership are working to try and engage more young people within mainstream schools by offering part time provision at Danesgate and other alternative provision.
- 11 Young people who are NEET: The number of young people in York who are not in employment, education or training (NEET) has continued to reduce in Q3 (currently 3.6%) and remains one of the lowest rates in the North of England. In particular, York

has seen a reduction in 16 year olds that are NEETs, which reduced to 29% in 2010 (from 47% in 2009). ACE has forecast that this could improve further with a planned increase in the number of young people attending pre level 1 training programmes.

### Cultural Services

- 12 Just under 300,000 people visited York Explore (previously Central Library) in the first 9 months of 2010/11. As the facility didn't reopen, following its refurbishment, until the end of May 2010 this is a 7 month figure and puts us on track for over 420,000 visits by the end of the year. This compares with a target of 450,000, the shortfall being accounted for by a slow start for the new facility. Weekly visitor numbers have now increased to reach the target level.
- 13 The number of visits to York's museums & galleries has increased significantly this year, with the latest figures for the first 9 months of 2010/11 indicating a 37% increase by the year-end. This is mainly due to the refurbishment of the Yorkshire Museum and an increase in visitors to galleries following the success of a number of exhibitions.



### **Priority actions and key achievements**

- 14 Good progress has been made during the first 3 quarters of this year in delivering the 72 actions set out in the corporate strategy. Key headlines include:
- The council received a very positive outcome from a recent Ofsted inspection of our Children's Social Care services, which recognised the excellent work on integration of services.
  - The Respite Care service in the Glen was awarded 'outstanding' in a recent government inspection.
  - A 'virtual school for Looked After Children' (LAC) has been developed to ensure all LAC get additional support from dedicated specialised staff. The teaching team meet twice a term and the new virtual school head has now visited all York schools to review and oversee the education and attainment arrangements for all LAC. A training program for all teachers who work with LAC is also now in place.
  - School modernisation projects have continued, with work now progressing on the Clifton with Rawcliffe Primary School site. Despite delays due to the adverse weather in November and December, the school is due to open in September 2011. Work on the Park and Stride scheme is also due to start in April, to ensure that this scheme can be up and running from September. Work on Our Lady's

Queen of Martyrs started at the end of November, and the school is due to open in January 2012.

- Work on the Barbican has continued, with the refurbishment due to start in February. The building will open in the third week in May and the new owners are currently recruiting over 100 staff to start work in April.
- The University is now completing procurement for York Sports Village Swimming Pool and has already submitted the planning application. Current projections indicate that the facility will be open by September 2012.
- The York Community Stadium 'memorandum of understanding' was signed by the council, York City Football Club and City of York Athletics Club on December 22nd 2010. This is a binding agreement where all parties involved agree to a set of key principals to enable the project to move forward.

### **Corporate Priorities**

- 15 The information included in this report demonstrates progress on achieving the council's corporate strategy (2009-12) and the priorities set out within it.

### **Implications**

- 16 The financial implications are covered within the main body of the report. There are no significant human resources, equalities, legal, information technology, property or crime & disorder implications arising from this report.

### **Risk Management**

- 17 A number of budgets are under pressure. On going work within the directorates may identify some efficiency savings in services that could be used to offset these cost pressures before the end of the financial year. It will also be important to understand the level of investment needed to hit performance targets and meet rising demand for key statutory services. Managing within the approved budget for 2010/11 will be a challenge and both management teams will continue to review expenditure across their directorates.

### **Recommendations**

- 18 As this report is for information only there are no specific recommendations.

Reason: To update the committee on the latest finance and performance position for 2010/11.

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**Date** 25 February 2011

**Specialist Implications Officer(s)** None

**Wards Affected:** *List wards or tick box to indicate all*

**All**

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**Background Papers**

Third finance and performance monitor for 2010/11, Executive 15 February 2011

**Annexes**

None

## Learning & Culture Overview & Scrutiny Committee Work Plan 2010-11

| Meeting Date  | Work Programme   |
|---|--|
| 13 July 2010<br>@ 5:15pm                                  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 2009-10 Year End Outturn Report</li> <li>2. Briefing from Director of Adults, Children &amp; Education on changes to Govt. policy post general election</li> <li>3. Draft Final Report - Review of Casual Play Opportunities<br/><u>For information Only</u></li> <li>4. York Theatre Royal – Service Level Agreement Performance Update Report</li> <li>5. York Museums Trust Partnership Delivery Plan – Performance Update Report</li> <li>6. Workplan</li> </ol>                   |
| 5 Oct 2010<br>Meeting in Marriott Room<br>at York Explore | <p>Tour of Library &amp; Archives Area @ 5:30pm at York Explore, followed by public meeting @ 6pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. First Quarter Monitoring Report</li> <li>2. Report on Archives (Fiona Williams)</li> <li>3. Draft Play Policy &amp; Update on Playbuilder</li> <li>4. Briefing on Youth Services -as a result of scrutiny topic submitted by Cllr Watt (Paul Murphy)</li> <li>5. Report on Opportunities for Public Art at new CYC HQ (Maria Wood / Gill Cooper)</li> <li>6. Workplan</li> </ol> |
| 8 Dec 2010<br>@ 5pm                                       | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Second Quarter Monitoring Report</li> <li>2. York Museums Trust Partnership Delivery Plan – Performance Update Report (Janet Barnes to Attend)</li> <li>3. Report on Youth Services - Key Issues re Future Provision (A.D. Partnerships &amp; Early Intervention)</li> <li>4. Report on Levels of Adult Participation In Sport in the city (NPI8) (Head of Sports &amp; Active Leisure)</li> <li>5. Workplan</li> </ol>  |
| 26 Jan 2011<br>@ 5pm at<br>Yorkshire Museum               | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Meeting with new Chair of York@Large</li> <li>2. Attendance of the Chair of SMC to discuss ongoing improvements in Overview &amp; Scrutiny</li> <li>2. Presentation on Looked After Children – handouts to be provided</li> <li>3. Update Report on Implementation of Outstanding Recommendations from Previous Reviews<br/><u>For Information Only:</u></li> <li>4. York Theatre Royal – Service Level Agreement Performance Update Report</li> <li>5. Workplan</li> </ol>            |
| <b>9 March 2011</b>                                       | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Third Quarter Monitoring Report</b></li> <li><b>2. Attendance of Executive Member for Children &amp; Young People’s Services</b><br/>– to give verbal update on work within portfolio area</li> <li><b>3. Youth Services Report - Identifying Review Process For Achieving the Savings Required</b></li> <li><b>4. Workplan &amp; Draft Workplan for 2011-12</b></li> </ol>   |

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## Learning & Culture Overview & Scrutiny Committee Work Plan 2011-12

| Meeting Date                                  | Work Programme  |
|---|---|
| Scrutiny Member Workshop - Part 2<br>Date TBA | Workshop to cover:<br>- Introduction to Committee Remit<br>- Presentations by Assistant Directors on ongoing work within directorates & future planned work<br>- Presentations by relevant Local Strategic Partners   |
| <b>13 July 2011<br/>@ 5pm</b>                 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Verbal Report from Executive Members on Year Ahead</b></li> <li><b>2. York Theatre Royal – Service Level Agreement Performance Update Report</b><br/>(Liz Wilson to Attend)</li> <li><b>3. 2010-11 Year End Outturn Report</b></li> </ol> <p><b><u>For information Only</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>3. York Museums Trust Partnership Delivery Plan – Performance Update Report</b></li> <li><b>4. Workplan</b></li> </ol> |
| <b>28 Sept 2011<br/>@ 5pm</b>                 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. First Quarter Monitoring Report</b></li> <li><b>2. Workplan</b></li> </ol>   |
| <b>7 Dec 2011<br/>@ 5pm</b>                   | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Second Quarter Monitoring Report</b></li> <li><b>2. York Museums Trust Partnership Delivery Plan – Performance Update Report</b><br/>(Janet Barnes to Attend)</li> </ol> <p><b><u>For Information Only</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>3. York Theatre Royal – Service Level Agreement Performance Update Report</b></li> <li><b>4. Workplan</b></li> </ol>  |
| <b>25 Jan 2012<br/>@ 5pm</b>                  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Attendance of Chair of <a href="#">York@Large</a> &amp; Chair of Learning City</b></li> <li><b>2. Workplan</b></li> </ol>  |
| <b>21 March 2012</b>                          | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Third Quarter Monitoring Report</b></li> <li><b>2. Workplan</b></li> </ol>   |

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