
**Executive Member Decision Session -
Culture, Leisure and Tourism**

23 October 2017

Report of the Assistant Director (Communities and Equalities)

York Learning – Self Assessment Report 2016/17

Summary

1. This report presents a high level summary of York Learning's Self Assessment Report (SAR) for the academic year 16/17. It presents the high level findings for its annual Self Assessment Report which are drawn from a number of contributory reports. The full report will be published in November 2017 and made available to Ofsted.
2. The services SAR leads to a number of Quality Improvement Plans (QIP) which are dynamic documents used to monitor and record quality improvement actions at a service level. These are still in a draft form and are not available for this meeting.
3. This report forms part of the service's governance arrangements which are crucially important for the service in demonstrating to Ofsted that it has secure and robust governance arrangements in place.

Recommendations

4. The Executive Member is asked to:
 - Consider the findings of the services self assessment report and make comments and recommendations for the production and publication of the final report.

Reason: To help monitor the service and ensure robust governance arrangements.

Background

5. York Learning is a council service which delivers a range of learning programmes to support people into employment, to improve their skills and to support their personal development. The service is funded almost exclusively from external contract funding and fee income. For the academic year 2017/18 this will be £2.8m, an increase of about £180k on the previous year. Most of this increase has been in funding to support 19-25 year olds with high needs support and provision funded by Advanced Learner Loans.
6. This report presents a digest of the services Self Assessment Report, primarily the high level information and judgements. A number of more detailed curriculum level report underpin this and are used to develop a detailed improvement plan for each area of the service.
7. Annex 2, 3 and 4 include performance data for the service, respectively classroom based accredited programmes, apprenticeships and community learning. Data is organised in Sector Subject Areas (SSA) with overall service information included at the end of each section.
8. It should be noted that there are some areas of concern with the services performance, that may lead to some intervention by the Education and Skills Funding Agency. This is because of performance dropping below national Minimum Standards. This is within Apprenticeships which has seen a decrease in achievement for 16/17. This has been reported elsewhere to the executive member and commented upon by Scrutiny committee. The service is already engaged in improvement actions to reverse this decline.

Options

9. This report is for information and there are no options to consider.

Corporate Objectives

10. York Learning plan is set within the context of the council plan but also responds to a number of sub regional, regional and national policy objectives.

Implications

11. **Finance:** The service is fully funded via external contracts and grants.

12. The report has no Human Resources, Equalities, Legal, Crime and Disorder, Information Technology, Property or other implications.

Risk Management

13. This report is for information and there are no risks to consider.

Annexes

1. Annex 1 - Self Assessment - High Level Summary Report
2. Annex 2 – Accredited Classroom Learning Data
3. Annex 3 – Apprenticeship Data
4. Annex 4 - Community Learning Data
5. Annex 5 – Minimum Standards

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Wards Affected:

All

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