

Final Report arising from the Edible York Ad Hoc Scrutiny Review

Summary

1. This report presents Members with the final report arising from the Edible York Ad Hoc Scrutiny Committee (Appendix 1 refers). Councillor D'Agorne, the Chair of the Ad Hoc Scrutiny Committee will be in attendance at the meeting to present the report.

Background

2. At a meeting of the Scrutiny Management Committee (SMC) in December 2010 Members agreed to undertake a scrutiny review on the theme of local food growing. Councillor D'Agorne had registered the topic and the original topic registration form is available on-line as part of this report.
3. An Ad Hoc Scrutiny Committee was set up to undertake the review and the following remit was set:

Aim

4. To improve how City of York Council supports community food growing

Key Objectives

- i. To develop an information page on City of York Council's website which provides information and links to organisations involved in food growing initiatives
- ii. To identify the barriers to communication between City of York Council and voluntary organisations
- iii. To identify potential areas of land in the city suitable for food growing
- iv. To consider how best to enable and encourage individuals and groups to grow food
- v. To encourage schools to participate in local food growing initiatives.

Consultation

5. Consultation has taken as per paragraph 5 of Appendix 1.

Options

6. Members have the following options:

Option 1 To approve the final report arising from this review in order that it may be forwarded to the Executive for consideration

Option 2 Amend the final report arising from this review prior to it being forwarded to the Executive for consideration.

Analysis

7. As the parent Committee for the Edible York Ad Hoc Scrutiny Committee Members are requested to consider the final report arising from the review. They are asked to provide comment and make any amendments they feel necessary prior to it being considered by the Executive on 12th April 2011. Due to a cross over in agenda publication dates the Executive agenda will be published before SMC meets. Any comments and amendments received from Members of SMC will be circulated at the Executive meeting on 12th April as well as being e-mailed to Executive Members in advance of their meeting.

Corporate Priorities

8. This topic is linked to the 'Sustainable City' aspect of the Corporate Strategy 2009/2012:

'We aim to be clean and green, reducing our impact on the environment whilst maintaining York's special qualities and enabling the city and its communities to grow and thrive.'

Implications

9. There are no implications associated with the recommendations within this report. Implications associated with the recommendations arising from the review are included within the final report at Appendix 1 to this report.

Risk Management

10. There are no risks associated with the recommendations in this report. Risks associated with the recommendations arising from the review are included within the final report at Appendix 1.

Recommendations

11. Members are asked to approve the final report arising from the review.

Reason: In order that the final report arising from the review can be sent to the Executive for consideration.

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Specialist Implications Officer(s)

None

Wards Affected:

All

For further information please contact the author of the report

Background Papers:

None

Annexes

Appendix 1 Final report

The annexes associated with Appendix 1 are available for viewing on-line