

Update on Implementation of Recommendations from Previously Completed Community Engagement Scrutiny Review

Summary

1. This report provides Members with the fourth update on the implementation of the outstanding recommendations arising from the previously completed scrutiny review on Engaging Communities.

Background

2. In September 2012, having considered a scrutiny topic submitted by Cllr Barnes on 'Engaging the Disaffected', this Committee agreed to undertake a scrutiny review to look at the issues affecting levels of community engagement across the city, in the following three areas:

- i. Community Engagement
- ii. CYC Customer Services
- iii. Financial Inclusion

3. The following Councillors took part in the work on the review on behalf of the full committee:

Cllr Chris Steward
Cllr Carol Runciman
Cllr Neil Barnes
Cllr Sian Wiseman
Cllr Jenny Brooks

4. After some initial investigation, the following review remit was agreed:

To identify ways of empowering people and improving community engagement

Objectives:

- a. To improve communications between CYC and Parish Councils
 - b. To improve communications in non-Parish Council areas.
5. In May 2013, the Corporate & Scrutiny Management Committee signed off the Task Group's draft final report and it was subsequently presented to the Cabinet in June 2013.
 6. The first update on the implementation of the approved recommendations was presented to this Committee in November 2013. Having noted the information provided, the Committee chose not to sign off any of the recommendations at that time, and agreed to receive a further update in six months time.
 7. In May 2014, the Committee received a second update and agreed to sign off recommendations i. – vi, and ix. – xi, and in November 2014 they received a further update which resulted in recommendations vii, viii & xii being signed off. This latest report provides a further update on the two outstanding recommendations.

Consultation

8. The Head of Communities and Equalities and the Democratic Services Manager have provided the implementation update information contained within Annex A, and will be in attendance at this meeting to answer any questions arising.

Options

9. Members may decide to sign off any individual recommendations where implementation has been completed, and can:
 - a. request further updates and the attendance of the relevant officers at a future meeting to clarify any outstanding recommendations relating to the review or;
 - b. agree to receive no further updates on the review

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10. The review supported the council's aim to build strong communities and be a city full of active and self-reliant communities, where everyone has an effective voice in local issues and where there is a strong sense of belonging.

Implications

11. There are no known Financial, Human Resources, Equalities, Legal, ICT or other implications associated with the recommendation made in this report.

Risk Management

12. In compliance with the Council's risk management strategy, there are no known risks associated with this report.

Recommendations

13. Members are asked to:
- i) Note the contents of this report and its Annex.
 - ii) Sign off all recommendations that have been fully implemented
 - ii) Request a future update on any outstanding recommendations

Reason: To raise awareness of those recommendations which are still to be fully implemented.

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Wards Affected:

All



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Background Papers: None

Annexes:

Annex A – Update on Community Engagement Scrutiny Review

Abbreviations:

Cllr – Councillor

CYC – City of York Council

ICT – Information & Communication Technology