

Time began	9.05 am
Time ended	10.00 am

Urgent Leader of the Council Cabinet Member Meeting

19 May 2015

Present: Councillor Rawson

21/14 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Banwait.

It was stated in the Council Constitution within Part B of the Scheme of Delegations that “any member identified by the Executive Leader as the Deputy Leader will deputise for the Executive Leader in his/her absence in respect of any matters reserved to the Executive Leader”.

It was further stated in Part B of the Scheme of Delegations that among matters reserved to the Executive Leader was “taking decisions in cases of urgency in respect of any executive matter, including key decisions”.

It was recorded in minute 11/14 of the meeting of Council held on 11 June 2014 that Councillor Banwait, having been elected as Leader of the Council, had identified Councillor Rawson as Deputy Leader. Councillor Rawson was thus able to consider and determine the executive matter presented to the meeting in the absence of Councillor Banwait.

22/14 Late Items

There were no late items.

23/14 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations.

24/14 D2 Low Carbon Economy Outline Bid for EU Funding

The Deputy Leader considered a report of the Acting Strategic Director for Neighbourhoods seeking an urgent decision from the Leader of the Council to support a 3 year European funded project to take forward the aims and aspirations of the Council's Low Carbon aspirations as contained in the City's Climate Change Strategy.

It was reported that the project proposal is to provide energy efficiency advice (including renewable energy), grants, support and innovation to SMEs throughout the Derbyshire D2 area. To do this the City and County Councils

will work in a delivery partnership with Derby University. The project recognises the twin roles that it can play in making local SMEs more competitive and resilient, and in boosting local demand for LCE services. It will specifically target those SMEs engaged with, or in the supply-chains, for transport and advanced manufacturing. These SMEs are more likely to be engaged in energy-intensive activities and to benefit from progressing to environmental management. The scheme also aims to help these SMEs to reduce costs and improve profitability.

It was reported that at this stage the submission would be an Expression of Interest which would need to be submitted by 20 May 2015. To enable officers to submit this they are seeing a decision to approve, in principle, the match funding contribution of £187,000 from the Climate Change Board reserve.

Resolved to:

- 1) Support the Council's continued involvement with this collaborative project as an expression of interest which is required to be submitted by the 20th May;**
- 2) Approve, in principle, the match funding contribution of £187,000 from the Climate Change Board reserve.**

25/14 European Structural and Investment Fund Strategy
2014-2020 – Responding to Early Calls and Tenders

The Deputy Leader considered a report of the Acting Strategic Director for Neighbourhoods seeking an urgent decision from the Leader of the Council to agree for officers to work towards identifying indicative City Council match funding to support ERDF outline applications. Agreement was also sought to continue to work with partners to develop collaborative bids for the early ERDF calls, ESF Programmes (including EMPLOY Local) and Technical Assistance and submit outline applications to meet deadlines. It was reported that applications will be brought to a future Cabinet meeting for final determination. It was further reported that outline applications for ERDF funding would need to be submitted by Wednesday 20 May and Wednesday 27 May and therefore an urgent decision was required.

Officers were also seeking Cabinet Member approval to investigate the opportunity of acting as the Accountable Body in some of the above collaborative bids, the legal and finance implications of which will be brought to a future Cabinet meeting for final determination and consider options for the Council's involvement in the Building Better Opportunities programme.

The Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Communities and City Centre Regeneration queried the risks around this match funding. The Deputy Leader was reassured that currently the match funding sought was indicative depending upon the results of the outline application. The Deputy Leader was

also informed that the use of the Regeneration Capital Fund Programme for match funding capital schemes would need to be reviewed later in the programme as new themes which closely match corporate priorities might allow the release of match funding from this pot. It was also reported that a full risk assessment would need to be carried out if the Council were to become the accountable body for partners in some of the collaborate bids. The Deputy Leader was informed that the submission of an outline application would not commit the Council to acting as the Lead / Accountable Body or to provide indicative match funding contributions for projects. These details would be finalised if projects are successful.

Resolved to:

- 1) Agree for officers to continue to work with partners to develop collaborative bids for the early ERDF calls and submit outline applications to meet deadlines.**
- 2) Agree for officers to work towards to identifying indicative City Council match funding to support ERDF outline applications which will be brought to a future Cabinet meeting for final determination.**
- 3) Agree for officers to continue to work with partners to develop collaborative bids for ESF Programmes (including EMPLOY Local) and Technical Assistance.**
- 4) Agree to investigate the opportunity of acting as the Accountable Body in some of the above collaborative bids, the legal and finance implications of which will be brought to a future Cabinet meeting for final determination.**
- 5) To consider options for the Council's involvement in the Building Better Opportunities programme.**

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