



Cabinet (Resources) Panel

Minutes – 7 January 2014

Attendance

Members of the Cabinet (Resources) Panel In Attendance

Cllr Andrew Johnson (Chair)
Cllr Peter Bilson
Cllr Steve Evans
Cllr Phillip Page
Cllr John Reynolds
Cllr Paul Sweet

Employees

Keith Ireland	Strategic Director – Delivery
Tim Johnson	Strategic Director – Education and Enterprise
Mark Taylor	Assistant Director Finance
Marie Bintley	Head of Physical Development
Lydia Barnstaple	Head of Transportation
Simon Aldis	Project Manager
Wendy Trainor	Interim Chief Legal Officer
Martyn Sargeant	Head of Democratic Services
Matthew Vins	Graduate Management Trainee

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Lawrence.

Part 1 – items open to the press and public

Item No. Title

MEETING BUSINESS ITEMS

- 2. Declarations of interests**
- 3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting (17 December 2013)**
Resolved:
That the minutes of the meetings held on 17 December 2013 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.
- 4. Matters Arising**
There were no matters arising.

DECISION ITEMS (Amber – delegated to the Cabinet (Resources) Panel)

5. **HS2 – Response to Government Consultation**

Cllr Bilson presented a report about the draft response to Government consultation with regard to High Speed Rail (HS2). He advised that the Council would continue to support the proposals, but explained that this would not be at the expense of Wolverhampton's priorities.

Resolved:

To approve the draft response to Government on the High Speed Rail 2 (HS2) Phase One environmental statement consultation.

INFORMATION ITEMS

6. **Schedule of Green Decisions**

Resolved:

That the summary of open and exempt green decisions approved by Cabinet Members, following consultation with the appropriate employee, be noted.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

7. **Exclusion of Press and Public**

Resolved:

That in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item(s) of business as they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information falling within the paragraphs of Schedule 12A of the Act set out below:

<i>Item No.</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Applicable paragraph</i>
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9	Surplus Properties and Disposal Methods	3
10	Progression of Section 77	3
11	Provision of Hired School Transport	3
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Part 2 – exempt items, closed to the press and public

8. **Corporate Procurement Award of Contracts for Works, Goods and Services**

Cllr Johnson advised the group that the report had been withdrawn.

9. **Revenues and Ratings Matters**

Resolved:

That the recommendations for discretionary rate relief applications be approved.

10. **Bilston Centre Regeneration**

Resolved:

1. To approve the main heads of terms for a new Collaboration Agreement with the Homes and Community Agency for the development and disposal of the Bilson Urban Village site and to delegate the approval of any non-material variation of these to the Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration and Prosperity in consultation with the Strategic Director Education and Enterprise.
2. To delegate the Council's approval of offers received by the Homes and Community Agency for the commercial development plot fronting the Black Country Route to the Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration and Prosperity in consultation with the Strategic Director Education and Enterprise.
3. To delegate any future approvals required of the Council under the new Collaboration Agreement to the Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration and Prosperity in consultation with the Strategic Director Education and Enterprise.
4. To delegate the approval of the contract for the demolition of the High Street properties acquired in connection with the Bilston High Street Link to the Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration and Prosperity, in consultation with the Strategic Director Education and Enterprise.
5. To approve the principle of acquiring land adjacent to the Urban Village site which is considered necessary to facilitate its development or improve its marketability and subject to existing budget, and to delegate the approval of any terms agreed to the Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration and Prosperity, in consultation with the Strategic Director Education and Enterprise.
6. That the progress in bringing forward the development of the Bilston Urban Village site and the Bilston High Street Link be noted.
7. That the lack of confirmation from NHS England on permanent funding for the General Practice Surgery at Bankfield Road be noted.

11. **Creation of a Council Temporary Staffing Agency**

Resolved:

1. To approve that Cabinet (Resources) Panel recommend to Council to establish a capital budget for the scheme and to note this would be approved in the Capital Programme report to Council on 5 March 2014.
2. To approve the structure of the Council owned Temporary Staffing Agency as a Limited Company.
3. To approve the trading name of the Company Limited by Guarantee to be YOO Recruit Limited.
4. To approve the proposed Board of Directors for the company:
 - a. Strategic Director Delivery.
 - b. Assistant Director Finance.
 - c. Chief Human Resources Officer.
 - d. Chief Legal Officer (as Company Secretary).
5. To approve a loan for cash flow for the initial three months of trading.
6. To approve a 12 month repayment period for the loan.
7. To note that YOO Recruit Limited will report quarterly to the Cabinet (Resources) Panel in the first 12 months of operation, and every six months thereafter.

12. **Changes to Employee Establishment**

Resolved:

That the employee establishment changes be noted.