



Meeting of the City Council

1 April 2015

Report title	Executive Business	
Referring body	Cabinet – 11 March 2015	
Councillor to present report	Cllr Phil Page School, Skills and Learning Cllr Peter Bilson Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration and Prosperity	
Wards affected	All	
Cabinet members with lead responsibility	Cllr Phil Page School, Skills and Learning Cllr Peter Bilson Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration and Prosperity	
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Report to be/has been considered by	Cabinet	11 March 2015

Recommendation(s) for action or decision:

The Council is recommended to:

Receive the summary of executive business and for Cabinet Members to answer any questions thereon.

**Executive business including
Policy development/operational issues**

Cllr Phil Page

Cabinet Member for Schools, Skills and Learning

• **Adult Education Service self-assessment report 2013-14 and development plan 2014-15**

- The Adult Education Service recent underwent a self-assessment that was conducted using Ofsted's (Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills) Common Inspection Framework as the national standard for learning and skills.
- Overall the service has been assessed as outstanding. A summary of the overall grades, with grade 1 being outstanding, grade 2 good were as follows:

Overall Effectiveness	1
Outcomes for Learners	1
Quality of Teaching, Learning and Assessment	2
Effectiveness of Leadership and Management	1

- Cabinet approved a development plan for 2014/15 which set out main sets out the main actions to bring about continuous improvement within the Service

Cllr Peter Bilson

Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration and Prosperity

• **Improvement of the city housing offer**

- The housing offer in the city comprises many facets which, brought together provide the range of housing options on offer to support people and households who reside or wish to reside in the city to have their housing requirements fulfilled. The key outcomes include:
 - delivering housing options via a wide range of housing types and tenure (social/council/affordable rent, private rent, owner occupation, shared ownership)
 - Building of market and aspirational housing to support the growing economy and regeneration agendas.
 - supporting people considered as vulnerable households
- Building on the progress made to date on the numerous challenges to deliver against the above key outcomes, Cabinet:
 - a. Approved a proposed framework, including governance arrangements, for a programme of activity to improve the city housing offer.
 - b. Approved proposals regarding the future management of the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) and review of the HRA Business Plan and Asset Management Plan.
 - c. Agreed to pursue the investigation of other public sector housing delivery models.
 - d. Endorsed the intention to review existing employee delivery arrangements and go live with new structure from September

- **Wolverhampton Interchange progress update and delivery strategy of the city**
 - Cabinet received an update report on the Wolverhampton Interchange project. Wolverhampton Interchange is identified as a project of strategic importance in the Strategic Economic Plan for the city and wider Black Country. It will deliver a multi-modal transport hub comprising a new train station, multi- storey car park extension and an extended tram connecting to the railway station through a new stop at the bus station. It will deliver 30,000 sq.m of office, retail and leisure floor space, £80m of private sector funding and 2000 jobs.
 - In order further delivery of the project Cabinet has:
 - a. Approved a strategy to bring forward the delivery of the Wolverhampton Interchange Project and the influencing strategy to secure the wider project delivery
 - b. Agreed to the Wolverhampton City Council (WCC) receiving grant funding of £4.5 million Local Growth Fund (LGF) monies and £9 million Local Transport Board (LTB) funding entering into a funding agreement with Walsall Council as accountable body for the Black Country Local Enterprise Partnership
 - c. Agreed to include £17.5 million within the Council's capital programme for Interchange Phase Two funded as per the funding and expenditure profiler.
 - d. Approved the principle of WCC acting as accountable body for the Wolverhampton Interchange Project drawing down the external funding from LGF and LTB and delegated authority to the Cabinet Members for Economic Regeneration and Prosperity and Resources in consultation with the Strategic Director, Place and Director of Finance to enter into sub-agreements with Centro and Neptune
 - e. Agreed in principle that WCC land at Interchange, as detailed on Appendix A to the report, can contribute to the project and delegated authority to the Cabinet Members for Economic Regeneration and Prosperity and Resources in consultation with the Strategic Director, Place and Director of Finance for the execution of the appropriate land transactions
 - f. Approved the principle of receiving Homes and Communities Agency investment into i10 and delegated authority to the Cabinet Members for Economic Regeneration and Prosperity and Resources in consultation with the Strategic Director, Place and Director of Finance to agree the principles of the investment and execute the necessary legal agreements
 - g. Agreed the continuing support of the project team in influencing partners, stakeholders, funders and decision makers to assist in the delivery of Wolverhampton Interchange.