

# Meeting of the City Council

## 24 January 2024

<b>Report title</b>	Motions on Notice	
<b>Referring body/person</b>	Councillor Simon Bennett	
<b>Wards affected</b>	All Wards	
<b>Cabinet Member with lead responsibility</b>	N/A	
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### Recommendation for decision:

The Council is recommended to:

Consider the motion received in accordance with the Council's procedure rules for a maximum of 50 minutes.

## 1.0 Purpose

1.1 For Council to consider the motion received:

### a. Green Innovation Corridor

Councillor Simon Bennett will move the following motion:

*“This Council welcomes the recent announcement of £20 million to kickstart and deliver the first phase of the green innovation corridor, a proposal led by the MP for Wolverhampton North East, Jane Stevenson, and confirmed in the Chancellor’s autumn statement. It’s another shot in the arm for government investment in Wolverhampton, and on top of almost 2.5 billion the city has been given since 2019.*

*The green innovation corridor is an ambitious project to create a 6 mile stretch of high value job creation in specialist sectors, upskill our own local talent, and encourage private sector investment. This will lead to wider regeneration along the corridor and the unlocking of brownfield sites for new affordable housing, delivering new commercial space and creating 1,220 jobs. It brings back into use nearly 4 hectares of brownfield land.*

*Therefore, this Council agrees to:*

- Setup and facilitate a summit of schools, the college, the university, local and regional business stakeholders to ensure educational institutions are providing the relevant skills required in delivering high quality skilled jobs that these emerging jobs and opportunities need.*
- Explore opportunities in improving our roads and transport infrastructure along the green innovation corridor - particularly the A449 Stafford Road - to make sure we have the infrastructure required to get people to and from these new work and training opportunities.”*