

minutes

Meeting ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Date 19 January 2016 (commencing at 2.00 pm)

Membership

Persons absent are marked with 'A'

COUNCILLORS

Diana Meale (Chair) Roy Allan (Vice-Chair)

Chris Barnfather Stan Heptinstall
John Knight John Ogle
Mike Pringle John Wilmott
Gordon Wheeler

A Alan Rhodes (Ex-Officio)

CO-OPTED MEMBERS

A Mr M Chivers – (Alliance Boots)

A Ms N Gasson - (Federation of Small Businesses)

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Tim Gregory - Place Department
Matt Lockley - Place Department
Fiona Anderson - Place Department
Nicola McCoy-Brown - Place Department
Oliver Whitaker - Place Department
Niall Mullin - Place Department
Martin Gately - Resources Department

CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP

The following changes of membership for this meeting were noted: Councillor Mike Pringle replaced Councillor Michael Payne for this meeting only. In addition, Councillor Chris Barnfather replaced Councillor Keith Walker for this meeting only.

MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting held on 1 December 2015 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mark Chivers.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL WORK CLUBS

Fiona Anderson introduced the report on work clubs.

RESOLVED: 2016/001

That the content of the report be noted, including the intention to continue to fund County Council Work Clubs during the transition period to alternative provision, which will be available from September 2016.

FEASIBILITY STUDY WITH NOTTINGHAM TRENT UNIVERSITY

Fiona Anderson made a short presentation on the Summer of Design, an event running from the end of July to late September 2015 for small or medium sized businesses, designers and entrepreneurs which enabled participants to see how 3D printers, laser cutters and 3D scanners are giving businesses the competitive edge. The event provided an opportunity for one to one support from a Nottingham Trent University tutor and six free workshops.

RESOLVED: 2016/002

That the allocation of £7,500 (from in-year savings) towards the collaborative feasibility study with NTU to evaluate the need, demand, funding and sustainability options for an outreach programme of university-led business support across the county be approved.

ESIF PROGRAMME: D2N2 DIGITAL BUSINESS GROWTH PROGRAMME

Oliver Whitaker introduced the report on the ESIF Programme.

RESOLVED: 2016/003

That:

a) The submission of a full funding application under the ESIF ICT Call be approved;

b) A contribution up to £70,000 per annum for three financial years from 2016-17 towards the match funding package for this programme was agreed.

BASIC BROADBAND FOR ALL: SATELLITE BROADBAND SUBSIDY SCHEME

Niall Mullin introduced the report on Basic Broadband for All and gave a short presentation on the scheme. For some residents in Nottinghamshire, an infill solution is required to enable them to access broadband. The Broadband Enabling Technology solution was found to be too expensive. However, in the last few years the new Ka band satellites have been launched which have a lower cost and a higher bandwidth, delivering up to 24Mbps. Residents are eligible for the scheme if their current service is less than 2Mbps, they will not receive coverage in future from Better Broadband for Nottinghamshire and they do not currently have a satellite connection.

RESOLVED: 2016/004

That this immediate support to homes and businesses that are unable to receive broadband speeds in excess of 2Mbps and who will not be benefiting from the Better Broadband for Nottinghamshire (BBfN) superfast broadband roll out immediately be noted.

WORK PROGRAMME

RESOLVED 2016/005

That the work programme be noted.

EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

That the public be excluded for the remainder of the meeting on the grounds that the discussions are likely to involve disclosure of exempt information described in paragraph 3 of the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006 and the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

EXEMPT ITEM

MARKETING NOTTINGHAM AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

RESOLVED 2016/006

The recommendation was agreed.

The meeting closed at 15:45 pm

CHAIR