



minutes

Meeting	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Date	11 February 2014 (commencing at 2.00 pm)

Membership

Persons absent are marked with `A`

COUNCILLORS

Diana Meale (Chairman)
John Clarke (Vice-Chairman)

Nicki Brooks
Ian Campbell
Bruce Laughton
Rachel Madden
Michael Payne

Keith Walker
Gordon Wheeler
Jason Zadrozny

Alan Rhodes (Ex-Officio) **A**

CO-OPTED MEMBERS

Mr M Chivers – Alliance Boots
Ms M Ulyatt (Federation of Small Businesses) **A**

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Trish Adams	-	Policy Planning and Corporate Services
Fiona Anderson	-	“ “
Martin Gately	-	“ “
Geoff George	-	“ “
Matthew Lockley	-	“ “
Celia Morris	-	“ “
Nicola McCoy-Brown	-	“ “

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Liam Russell	-	Wheels to Work
Rob Crowder	-	“ “

MINUTES

RESOLVED 2014/004

The minutes of the last meeting held on 14 January 2014 were confirmed.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Melanie Ulyatt

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Laughton declared a personal interest in in relation to item 5 (Supporting Youth Employment) due to the financial support he had received from the Linney family during the 2010 parliamentary campaign.

PRESENTATION – WHEELS TO WORK

Members received a detailed presentation from Liam Russell of Wheels to Work Nottinghamshire, who also thanked the committee for its current and previous support of the initiative. Members heard that the scheme helped to overcome transport barriers and delivered people into work, education and training where they might not otherwise be able to access it. Service users were offered moped loans (as well as training and equipment), bicycles, public transport tickets and other solutions as appropriate. The Wheels to Work scheme started in 2002 and has assisted 921 people to date.

Members also heard that there had been a demographic change – much older clients were now accessing the service. The scheme is partially financed by the Big Lottery Fund with £300k over 4 years representing 60% of the costs. Mr Russell indicated that it cost £140k a year to run the scheme. Members also stated that it would be helpful to have a breakdown of usage of the scheme by District.

SUPPORTING YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

RESOLVED 2014/005

- (a) That the proposal to deliver youth employment support through the remaining budget as outlined in the report, and with six monthly reporting and cost comparison be approved.
- (b) That delegated authority for the Corporate Director, Policy, Planning and Corporate Services in consultation with the Chair of Committee to enter into an internal Service Level Agreement to deliver activities as outlined be approved.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CAPITAL FUND

RESOLVED 2014/006

- (a) That the Assessment Framework and scoring process for the Nottinghamshire Economic Development Capital Fund be approved.
- (b) That the management arrangements and associated flow chart be approved.
- (c) That the Corporate Director for Planning, Policy and Corporate Services' delegated authority for grant awards at Stage 2 in consultation with the Chair of the Economic Development Committee be approved.
- (d) That a maximum of £20,000 from the Economic Development Budget in 2014-15 towards the procurement of external expertise in support of the Stage 2 process be agreed.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE – VISITOR ECONOMY ACTIVITY

RESOLVED 2014/007

- (a) That the work of the Council and its partners to date to develop and deliver key aspects of the Visitor Economy be noted.
- (b) That the forthcoming consultations on the draft D2N2 Visitor Economy Sector Action Plan and Destination Management Plan be noted

WORK PROGRAMME

Members requested that an update on Better Broadband for Nottinghamshire be placed on the agenda as soon as it is available.

RESOLVED 2014/008

That the report be noted.

The meeting closed at 4.00 pm.

CHAIR