

Agenda item 11

Recommendation from Cabinet, 18th June 2013

Coventry City Council

Minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held at 2.00 pm. on 18 June 2013

Present:

Cabinet Members:	Councillor Mrs Lucas (Chair) Councillor Townshend (Deputy Chair) Councillor Duggins Councillor Gannon Councillor Gingell Councillor Kelly Councillor Kershaw Councillor A. Khan Councillor Lancaster Councillor Ruane
Deputy Cabinet Members:	Councillor Innes
Non-voting Opposition Members:	Councillors Blundell and Andrews
Other Members:	Councillors Fletcher, Foster, McNicholas, Sandy and Skipper.
Employees (by Directorate): Chief Executive's:	M Reeves (Chief Executive), F Collingham, G Holmes, J Moore and A West
Children, Learning and Young People :	Colin Green (Director), S Redgrave and A Simpson,
City Services & Development:	M Yardley (Director), N Clews, C Knight, R Negro, M Vicker and R Young
Community Services:	B Walsh (Director)
Customer & Workforce Services:	H Abraham (Assistant Director), S Iananntuoni, H Peacocke and N Sutharia
Finance & Legal Services:	C West (Director), N Chamberlain, C Forde, B Hastie, P Helm, P Jennings and J Murphy

Public business

1. Apologies

Cabinet noted apologies from Councillors K Caan and D Howles.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of Interest

10. **High Speed 2 and Coventry**

Cabinet considered the Report of the Director of City Services and Development which said that the Queen's speech had announced the Government's intention to introduce new legislation to enable the delivery of HS2 phase 1. This would be in the form of a Paving Bill (which has already had a first reading) and a Hybrid Bill, which was to be deposited by the end 2013.

The Hybrid Bill process was the most significant opportunity remaining for Coventry to engage with the process and secure measures which can support Coventry's future rail connectivity. To achieve this it would be necessary to prepare a clear evidenced case for use in the process. This report sought approval to prepare this and set out a proposed resolution for Council to consider which reframes the context for the Council's engagement with HS2 Ltd and Government regarding HS2 proposals. This recognised that there is a need to prepare for the likely eventuality that HS2 would happen, whilst seeking to get the best possible outcome from HS2 for the City.

RESOLVED that Cabinet:

(1) Recommends to Council that they adopt a new resolution on HS2 that:

'Coventry City Council notes the Queen's Speech and the Coalition Government's determination to proceed, with opposition support, to progress HS2 with a Hybrid Bill. The Council therefore resolves to ensure the best possible outcome from HS2 for the City'

(2) Gives approval for officers, under the guidance of the Lead Member for Transport and the Cabinet Member for Business Enterprise & Employment to:

- a) Engage with HS2 Ltd, Network Rail and Department for Transport (DfT) to identify possible solutions to achieve the best possible outcome from HS2 for the City, both in terms of connectivity to HS2 and connectivity on the existing rail network.**
- b) To work with consultants to develop an evidenced case with which to respond to the deposit of the HS2 Hybrid Bill.**
- c) To report back to Cabinet on the outcome of recommendations (a) and (b)**