

MINUTES OF THE MEETING COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COVENTRY

Held on 25th June 2013, in the Council House, Coventry

PRESENT

Lord Mayor (Councillor Crookes)

Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Noonan)

Councillor Mrs Abbott	Councillor Lancaster
Councillor Akhtar	Councillor Mrs Lucas
Councillor Ali	Councillor McNicholas
Councillor Andrews	Councillor Maton
Councillor Auluck	Councillor Mrs Miks
Councillor Mrs Bigham	Councillor Mulhall
Councillor Blundell	Councillor J. Mutton
Councillor Chater	Councillor Mrs M. Mutton
Councillor Clifford	Councillor O'Boyle
Councillor Duggins	Councillor Ruane
Councillor Mrs Fletcher	Councillor Sandy
Councillor Foster	Councillor Sawdon
Councillor Galliers	Councillor Sehmi
Councillor Gannon	Councillor Singh
Councillor Gingell	Councillor Skinner
Councillor Hammon	Councillor Skipper
Councillor Harvard	Councillor Mrs Sweet
Councillor Hetherton	Councillor Taylor
Councillor Howells	Councillor Thay
Councillor Innes	Councillor Thomas
Councillor Kelly	Councillor Townshend
Councillor Kershaw	Councillor Walsh
Councillor A. Khan	Councillor Welsh
Councillor T. Khan	Councillor Williams
Councillor Lakha	

Apologies: Councillor Bains
Councillor Caan
Councillor Lepoidevin

Honorary
Alderman Present: J. Gazey

Public Business

16. Suspension of Procedure Rules

It was moved by Councillor Gannon, seconded by Councillor Hetherton and agreed that, in accordance with paragraph 4.1.85 of the Constitution, paragraph 4.1.83 be

suspended to enable electronic devices to be switched on during the meeting up to and including the item referred to at Minute 26 below (Changes to the Constitution).

17. Minutes

The minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 16th May 2013 were signed as a true record.

18. Exclusion of Press and Public

RESOLVED that under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the item of business indicated below on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of information defined in the specified Paragraph(s) of Schedule 12A of the Act as it contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) and that in all of the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

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19. Coventry Good Citizen Award – Matthew Heath

On behalf of the Council, the Lord Mayor presented Mr Matt Heath with the Coventry Good Citizen Award. His citation read:

“Matt started to attend the Graingers Club from age 14 with his Grandma whilst she was a volunteer; the club organises activities for young people with learning disabilities. After a short time Matt started to take an active interest in the activities of the club and became heavily involved offering his time as a volunteer. He is an advocate for young people and inspires and motivates the members of the club giving them confidence and bringing out the best in them.

Like so many organisations, Graingers had difficulty in putting together a committee. At the age of 20 Matt volunteered to become chairman and almost singlehandedly organised a fundraising show to help the club survive. He persuaded local music artistes and entertainers to attend, publicised the show and hosted the evening.

For someone of such a young age to commit to caring for people who need extra support shows great determination and strength of character. Matt works tirelessly for the members of the Graingers club and is a very supportive and inspirational young man. He has gained the respect and support of other members of the committee and has been described as being ‘full of youth and enthusiasm, inspirational and a breath of fresh air.’

Matt has proven that he is a caring, passionate and hardworking individual and having given his time to the community is truly deserving of the Good Citizen Award.”

20. **Birthday Honours**

The Lord Mayor referred to the awards made to the following people associated with the City in the recent Queen's Birthday Honours List:

- **MBE:** To Nick Staveley Stanley the founder and life president of Covkartsport for his services to motorsport.
- **OBE:** To Kathleen Brough, a recently retired counter assistant at Binley Post Office for 48 years, for her services to the Postal Service and the community of Binley.

Members noted that letters of congratulations had been sent, on behalf of the City Council, to both recipients.

21. **Congratulations on Awards**

On behalf of the City Council, the Lord Mayor congratulated Katrina Reynolds and Julie Gay from Finance and Legal Services who had both achieved legal awards in the past nine months.

Katrina had won the Legal Executive of the Year (2012) – a new national award sponsored by Jordan Publishing. The accolade was for her work in respect of families from abroad and providing legal advice in respect of immigration issues.

Julie Gay won the Legal Professional of the Year for Coventry and Warwickshire. Julie Gay, picked up the award at an event at the Ricoh Arena held by Coventry and Warwickshire First. Julie was shortlisted alongside four other legal specialists from businesses and organisations across the region.

22. **Petitions**

RESOLVED that the following petitions be referred to the appropriate City Council body or external organisation:

- (a) **Request that plans to remove the Neighbourhood Action Team from Hillfields be rejected - 115 signatures – presented by Councillor Welsh.**
- (b) **Request for a 20 mph speed limit on Whitley roads – 67 signatures – presented by Councillors Noonan and Foster**
- (c) **Requesting more signage indicating locations of public conveniences – 34 signatures – presented by Councillor Fletcher (on behalf of Councillor Bains who was unable to attend the meeting)**
- (d) **Confronting the arms trade in Coventry – 424 signatures – presented by Councillor Andrews. Council agreed that this be referred to the Cabinet Member (Strategic Finance and Resources)**
- (e) **Requesting action in respect of a derelict property at 208 Masser Road – 49 signatures – presented by Councillor Mrs Lucas**

23. **Declarations of Interest**

The following Members declared interests in the item indicated below. The Members withdrew from the meeting during consideration of those items:

Disclosable Pecuniary Interests:

High Speed 2 and Coventry, (Minute 27) – Councillor Hammon

Review of Members' Allowances and Expenses Scheme (Minute 28): Councillors Howells and Innes.

Other Interests:

Outcome of Consultation on Coventry City Council's Revised Street Trading Consent Policy, (Minute 24) – Councillor Harvard.

24. **Outcome of Consultation on Coventry City Council's Revised Street Trading Consent Policy**

Further to Minute 74/12 of the meeting of Cabinet Member (Community Safety and Equalities), the Council considered a report of the Director of Community Services which reported on the outcome of a consultation carried out on Coventry City Council's revised Street Trading Consent Policy. Specifically, the consultation sought views on proposed changes to existing terms and conditions, including the fee structure.

RESOLVED that the City Council

- a) **Approve the revised Street Trading Consent Policy as set out at Option 1 of the report.**
- b) **Delegate authority to the Assistant Director (Public Safety and Housing) in consultation with the Cabinet Member (Community Safety and Equalities) to make minor amendments to the Street Trading Consent Terms and Conditions, to approve fee waivers in appropriate cases and to review the fee structure annually and if necessary adjust the fee levels in line with inflation and/or so as to avoid any significant income deficit/surplus and any other material considerations.**

25. **European Regional Development Fund Accountable Body Report**

Further to Minute 155/12 of the Cabinet, the City Council considered a report of the Director of City Services and Development that sought approval of the funding opportunity from European Regional Development Fund in delivering the City's priorities and for the City Council to act as guarantor for the Far Gosford Street Phase 2, Public Realm Phase 2, Coventry and Warwickshire Small Business Loans and the Coventry Transport Museum projects.

RESOLVED that the City Council:

- (a) **Agrees the funding opportunity from European Regional Development**

Fund as a significant opportunity in delivering the City's priorities and authorise the City Council to act as guarantor and to delegate authority to the Director of City Services and Development to enter into grant aid agreements for the International Transport Museum Project and FarGo Village projects.

- (b) Agrees to delegate authority to the Director of City Services & Development to grant a 30-year lease to Coventry Transport Museum at a peppercorn rent over the properties known as 10a and 10b Hales Street and 31 Silver Street.**

26. Changes to the Constitution

Further to Minute 2/13 of the meeting of Cabinet Member (Community Safety and Equalities), the City Council considered a report of the Director of Finance and Legal Services which sought approval of further changes to the Constitution regarding Question Time and Statements at City Council meetings, following on from the appointment of Deputy Cabinet Members at the Annual Council meeting on 16th May 2013; and to amend the delegations in the Constitution in relation to the Registrar of Births, Marriages and Deaths.

In moving the recommendations, in accordance with paragraph 4.1.45 of the Constitution, Councillor Townshend moved the following two additional recommendations for reasons of expediency which had not been considered by the Constitutional Advisory Panel:

- That the Council amends paragraph 4.1.8 so that the break to be taken by Council in the event of it continuing for more than 3 hours was for a maximum of 30 minutes, rather than for between 5 and 15 minutes as it is now.

Paragraph 4.1.8 to now read:

There will be no restriction on the duration of meetings except that if any Council meeting continues for a period of more than 3 hours, there will be a break in proceedings as soon as 3 hours has elapsed since the start of the meeting unless the Council votes unanimously to continue without a break or the Lord Mayor or other person chairing the meeting determines that the remainder of the business of the meeting can be concluded within a reasonable time so as to render any break unnecessary. The break will be for a maximum of 30 minutes. This provision is intended to safeguard the health and wellbeing of Councillors and employees present at any meeting.

It was considered that 15 minutes was too short a period of time for comfort break for Councillors, officers and any members of the public attending the meeting and this just formalised current existing arrangements.

- That the Council amends paragraph 4.1.83 so that electronic devices may be switched on during the public part of meetings of the City Council.

Paragraph 4.1.83 to now read:

Electronic devices may be switched on during the public part of meetings of the

City Council

This proposal was a reflection of changing times. This practice was now common place and was a way of allowing members of the public to engage in local democracy.

RESOLVED that the City Council:

- (a) Approves the changes to the Constitution as set out in Section 2 of the report with immediate effect.**
- (b) Approves the amendment of paragraph 4.1.8 of the Constitution with immediate effect so that the break to be taken by Council in the event of it continuing for more than 3 hours is for a maximum of 30 minutes (which represents an extension of the current time of “between 5 and 15 minutes”)**
- (c) Approves the amendment of paragraph 4.1.83 with immediate effect so that electronic devices may be switched on during the public part of meetings of the City Council.**

27. High Speed 2 and Coventry

Further to Minute 10/13 of Cabinet, the City Council considered a report of the Director of City Services and Development which referred to the Queen’s speech which announced the Government’s intention to introduce new legislation to enable the delivery of High Speed 2 (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. The report sought approval to prepare this and sets out a proposed resolution for Council to consider which reframed the context for the Council’s engagement with HS2 Ltd and Government regarding HS2 proposals. This recognised that there was 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.

Councillor Blundell proposed the following amendment to the recommended resolution set out in the report, which was seconded by Councillor Andrews:

“At the end of the recommendation after “the best possible outcome from HS2 for the City” insert “Notwithstanding the above the council has real concerns about the connectivity to the City and the effect it would have on the long term development of the City Centre.

The Council therefore resolves, given the Government's stated position, to ensure the best possible outcome from HS2 for the City.”

Amended recommendation of a new resolution to read:

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.

Notwithstanding the above the council has real concerns about the connectivity to the city and the effect it would have on the long term development of the City Centre.

The Council therefore resolves, given the Government's stated position, to ensure the best possible outcome from HS2 for the City.

In accordance with paragraph 4.1.62 of the Constitution, the amendment was accepted by Councillor McNicholas, as mover of the Recommendation, and was incorporated into the original Recommendation.

RESOLVED that the City Council 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.

Notwithstanding the above, the Council has real concerns about the connectivity to the City and the effect it would have on the long term development of the City Centre.

The Council therefore resolves, given the Government’s stated position, to ensure the best possible outcome from HS2 for the City.”

28. Implementation of the Living Wage

Further to Minute 11/13 of the Cabinet, the City Council considered a report of the Director of Customer and Workforce Services and the Director of Finance and Legal Services which outlined plans for the implementation of the Living Wage.

Following the new Council Leadership’s manifesto pledge, the report proposed the implementation of a Living Wage, currently £7.45 per hour, for all Council employees with effect from 1st August 2013.

The report recommended the introduction of the living wage and made recommendations for its implementation in order to deliver the Council’s commitment to address low pay for Council employees and tackle in-work poverty.

RESOLVED that the City Council

(a) Approves the implementation of the Living Wage in Coventry City Council with effect from 1st August 2013.

(b) Approves that the level of Living Wage paid to Council employees be reviewed annually as part of the budget process informed by information available from national pay negotiations.

- (c) Instructs the Director of Children, Learning and Young People and the Director of Finance and Legal Services to consult the Schools Forum in relation to the funding of the Living Wage for Community Schools' staff.**

28. Review of the Members' Allowances and Expenses Scheme

Further to Minute 12/13 of the Cabinet, the City Council considered a report of the Director of Customer and Workforce Services which set out the recommendations made by the Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP) on the Review of the Members' Allowances and Expenses Scheme with specific focus on the remuneration of the new Deputy Cabinet Member roles appointed at the Council's Annual Meeting on 16 May 2013.

RESOLVED that the City Council:

- (1) Acknowledges the work of the IRP for undertaking the review**
- (2) Considers each recommendation within the IRP's report**
- (3) Approves the following recommendations of Cabinet:**
 - i. That the Deputy Cabinet Member position be subject to a Special Responsibility Allowance of £3,500 per annum with effect from 16 May 2013 and that the Members' Allowances and Expenses Scheme be amended accordingly.**
 - ii. That the Deputy Cabinet Member SRA be reviewed after 12 months, in the light of experience.**
 - iii. That the Special Responsibility Allowance for the Leader of the Opposition be reviewed at a future meeting of the Independent Remuneration Panel.**

30. Starting the Friargate Business District to Regenerate the City, Transform the Council and Deliver Savings

Further to Minute 13/13 of the Cabinet, the City Council considered a report of the Director of City Services & Development which proposed the regeneration of the Friargate area next to Coventry Railway Station which had the potential to generate 13,400 permanent jobs over the next 10-15 years.

The Council proposed to be the first occupier at Friargate and give confidence to others to locate there. Investing in a new building at Friargate would allow the Council to transform the way it delivered services to the public and make savings as part of a package of changes which comprised in full:

- a) The construction of a new, Council-owned office building as the first building within the Friargate development
- b) Investment in the creation of a new Customer Services Centre in Broadgate
- c) Investment in the Council House as the Civic and Democratic Centre

- d) Investment in a number of other suburban office buildings to support locality based service delivery
- e) The introduction of agile and flexible working arrangements for Council staff to drive productivity and efficiency gains
- f) The rationalisation of the Council's operational office buildings from 27 to 9
- g) The construction of the Friargate Bridge (Minute 31 below refers)

To maximise inward investment and job creation potential of Friargate it was essential that the railway station area was fully connected to the City Centre. To address the barrier created by the Ring Road it was proposed to remove the roundabout at Junction 6 and to build a bridge deck across the Ring Road (the 'Friargate Bridge') (minutes 31 and 35 below refer). The Friargate Bridge would be funded through the Regional Growth Fund allocation of £12.7m.

RESOLVED that the City Council:

- (1) Commits to the wider Friargate development using the Project detailed in the report as a catalyst for jobs, growth and additional rates income.**
- (2) Approves the overall affordability strategy for the Project as set out in this report.**
- (3) Approves the rationalisation and changes to the Council's existing operational estate and its ongoing use, including the creation of a new Customer Services Centre within Broadgate House and the Civic and Democratic Centre in the Council House and the subsequent disposal of assets released.**
- (4) Authorises officers to procure the required contracts and make necessary arrangements to achieve the Council office at Friargate, the Customer Services Centre at Broadgate, the Civic and Democratic alterations to the Council House and to the four suburban hubs, associated ICT infrastructure, project management and decommissioning arrangements at the total estimated capital cost of £59m.**
- (5) Approves the addition of this scheme to the Council's capital programme for 2013/14 onwards and uses its prudential borrowing powers under the Local Government Act 2003 to finance the capital costs of the Project up to £59m.**
- (6) Authorises the Council's section 151 officer to complete a submission to the Coventry and Warwickshire Local Enterprise Partnership and subject to LEP Board approval, onwards to HM Treasury, requesting that the Project benefits from an estimated £31m of prudential borrowing at preferential rates available from HM Treasury.**
- (7) Approves that the capital receipts generated from the disposal of the resulting redundant operational estate be ring-fenced to finance the Project and request officers to prepare a disposal strategy for those assets.**

- (8) Approves £1.7m of the City Deal monies/reserves already budgeted for in the Council's medium term financial strategy are utilised to finance project management costs within the overall approval of project costs in 4 above.
- (9) Approves project management and design costs of £1.4m that will be incurred at risk up until January/February 2014 when contracts are planned for signature.
- (10) Uses the recently established Cabinet Advisory Panel (Regeneration and Infrastructure) to provide political guidance and support to the operational aspects of the wider programme, including agreeing the scope and general remit of the programme delivery team as per the proposed governance arrangements in Appendix 1.
- (11) Authorises the Assistant Director – City Centre & Development to negotiate with an incoming second occupier to establish a national HQ, within the Friargate development based on the principles set out in this report and to receive a further Cabinet report at a later date with the details of the arrangement for consideration.
- (12) Delegates authority to the Director of City Services and Development and the Director of Finance and Legal Services, in consultation with the Leader, Cabinet Member (Business Enterprise & Employment) and Cabinet Member (Strategic Finance and Resources), to award contracts to achieve the Project within the affordability parameters detailed in this report.
- (13) Delegates authority for any other detailed legal and financial matters to the Director of City Services and Development and the Director of Finance and Legal Services, in consultation with the Leader, Cabinet Member (Business Enterprise & Employment), Cabinet Member (Strategic Finance and Resources) and Cabinet Advisory Panel.

31. Friargate Bridge

Further to Minute 15/13 of the Cabinet, the City Council considered a report of the Director of City Services and Development which reported that, in order to maximise the inward investment and job creation potential of the project mentioned at Minute 30 above, it was essential that the rail station area was fully connected to the city centre. To address the barrier created by the Ring Road it was proposed to remove the roundabout at Junction 6 and to build a bridge deck across the Ring Road (the 'Friargate Bridge') to create a new attractive public boulevard route to link into the city centre and to extend Greyfriars Green to the edge of the Friargate development.

The proposed boulevard route would run from the front of the station, over the new bridge deck and into the city's central shopping area. In addition, as well as promoting enhanced pedestrian linkages and better visual connections the removal of the roundabout would allow for additional land for development to be brought forward.

The completion of these works would require the developer to discharge the reserved matters on its outline planning consent and implement the pedestrian boulevard

route from the front of the railway station to the ring road – another transformational element of the masterplan.

The Council had secured a Regional Growth Fund (RGF) bid on behalf of the Coventry and Warwickshire Local Enterprise Partnership (CWLEP). Within the bid £12.7million was available to the City Council for the rebuilding of Ring Road junction 6, making significant road improvements and opening up the Friargate site for greater development and opportunity. The rebuilding of junction 6 would also ensure the Friargate site was integrated into the current city centre and future City Centre South aspirations. The RGF funding agreement with government for the £12.7million stipulated the funding had to be spent by 30 June 2015 and the delivery of over 2,000 jobs by April 2022 through the office space being developed on the site.

To achieve this tight timescale it was proposed to enter into an Early Contractor Involvement arrangement with a contractor who will be co-located with the City Council's appointed design team to develop the scheme and a target contract price. This target price would be fixed by December 2013.

It would be necessary to incur development costs up to December 2013 when the target price would be known. These costs would be incurred without certainty that the project was affordable and that it would therefore proceed. The estimated spend up to this point (principally design fees and project management costs) was £0.7million. If the Council chooses not to proceed with the bridge, it would not be able to claim from RGF for the costs incurred to this date.

RESOLVED that the City Council:

- (a) Approves the addition of this scheme to the Council's Capital Programme for 2013/14 onwards**
- (b) Approves that authority be delegated to the Director of City Services and Development in consultation with the Cabinet Member (Business Enterprise & Employment) to award the ECI works contract for the bridge deck**

32. Scrutiny Annual Report to Council

The City Council noted the Scrutiny Boards' Annual report to the City Council for 2012/13, which highlighted examples of the wide-ranging scrutiny work undertaken during the year across all the Scrutiny Boards and the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

33. Annual Report from the Leader to the Council on Key Decisions made under Special Urgency

The City Council noted a report of the Director of Customer and Workforce Services regarding decisions made in the previous year where the special urgency provisions were used. This applied where it was not practicable to give notice at least 5 clear days in advance of a key decision being made. The report stated that there were no such cases in the past year.

34. Appointments of the City Council

The City Council considered a report of the Director of Customer and Workforce Services which sought approval for amendments/additional appointments since the Annual Meeting on 16th May 2013.

RESOLVED that the City Council:

(a) Appoints Councillor Bains as the substitute representative for the City Council on the West Midlands Police and Crime Panel.

(b) Approves the appointment of Councillor Taylor as a member of the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee in place of Councillor Andrews with immediate effect.

(c) Appoints Mr Nigel Lee as a Trustee of the Coventry General Charities.

35. Question Time

The following Members answered oral questions put to them by other Members as set out below, together with supplementary questions on the same matters:

No	Question Asked By	Question Put To	Subject Matter
1	Councillor Blundell	Councillor Kershaw	The City Council's position on free schools
2	Councillor Taylor	Councillor Mrs Lucas	Questioning the Leader's time away from office.
3	Councillor Thomas	Councillor Townshend	Swift action in respect of a recent incident in Tile Hill

36. Statement by the Leader

The Leader, Councillor Mrs Lucas, made a statement in respect of her Programme for the year ahead.

She said she was proud to speak as leader of council. In this hugely important role, she promised to work with passion and energy to lead council well. She paid tribute to Councillor John Mutton who had led the Labour Group for over ten years. She spoke about her priorities and aspirations for city and commitment to work to make Coventry great again without losing sight of the detail. The work had started already, with the Council having given the green light for the Friargate development to kick-start regeneration of the city centre. She also outlined her commitment to paying attention to detail for example re-instating the planters around the City and bringing colour back to the streets as it was important not to lose sight of delivering services and events that people enjoyed. She said that she would also do things at pace where possible – for example the introduction of a living wage for employees, she was delighted to make a difference quickly for some staff and challenged other employers in the City to do the same. She spoke about plans to

streamline the organisation, recognising that it would be hard, but was committed to make changes quickly to avoid uncertainty for staff and would listen, learn and talk honestly during the process. She thanked colleagues for their passion and commitment, Finally, she spoke about her passion for politics and also her commitment to work with all her Councillor colleagues who shared a passion to make Coventry great again stating that she was “sure we can agree about speaking up for city and people and let’s work together to get message out that Coventry was open for business, and make sure the City was one of the Country’s greatest again”.

The Leader of the Opposition Group, Councillor Blundell, responded to the Statement.

37. Debate – Re-affirming Commitment to being a City of Peace and Reconciliation

It was moved by Councillor Gannon, seconded by Councillor Hetherington and agreed that, in accordance with paragraph 4.1.35.5 of the Constitution, the two debates detailed on the Council agenda to be moved by Councillor Mrs Lucas and seconded by Councillor Sawdon be combined and that, in accordance with paragraph 4.1.85 of the Constitution, paragraph 4.1.58 be suspended to enable Councillor Sawdon to speak for five minutes. The combined debate to now read:

“That this Council, recognising that Coventry is renowned both nationally and internationally as the City of Peace and Reconciliation, pledges to continue to develop policies to ensure the inclusion of all its citizens.

This Council reaffirms its commitment to being a City locally, nationally and internationally of Peace and Reconciliation. It reaffirms its commitment to treating all of its citizens equally and fairly, without prejudice or discrimination and maintaining the highest bonds of community cohesion.

The City Council commits to continue to work with all individuals and organisations to promote the values set out in this resolution.

RESOLVED that the combined Debate, as set out above, be unanimously adopted.

Private Business

38. Friargate Bridge

Further to Minute 31 above and Minute 20/13 of the Cabinet, the Council considered a report of the Director of City Services and Development which detailed the estimated costs of the proposed works.

RESOLVED that the City Council:

- (a) Approves the addition of this scheme to the Council's Capital Programme for 2013/14 onwards**

- (b) Approves the delegation of authority to the Director of City Services and Development in consultation with the Cabinet Member (Business Enterprise & Employment) to award the ECI works contract for the bridge deck**
- (c) Notes the recommendations regarding capital funding.**

(Meeting closed at 6.20 pm)