

**Minutes of the meeting of Cabinet Member (Business Enterprise and Employment)**  
**held at 10am on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2013**

Present:

Cabinet Member: Councillor Kelly

Other Members: Councillor Bains  
Councillor Fletcher

Employees (by Directorate):

Place: P. Beesley

Resources: J Sprayson, M. Rossi

Apologies: Councillor Taylor

**Public business**

**20. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**21. Minutes**

The minutes of the Cabinet Member (Business, Enterprise and Employment) meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2013 were agreed and signed as a true record. There were no matters arising.

**22. Response to Petition – Signage for Public Conveniences**

The Cabinet Member considered a report of the Executive Director Place, concerning a petition bearing 60 signatures, which had been submitted by Councillor Bains, an Upper Stoke Ward Councillor. Councillors Bains and Fletcher both Upper Stoke Ward Councillors and Mrs Norman, the petition organiser, attended the meeting and spoke on behalf of the petitioners.

The petitioners were concerned with the lack of signage for public conveniences for visitors to the City and were asking the Council to provide more signage indicating the location of public conveniences and their opening times.

The Executive Director, Place indicated that two public conveniences in the city centre were maintained by the City Council, with an additional 17 publically accessible facilities.

The Cabinet Member noted that the owners of shopping centres and visitor attractions were being consulted on whether they wished to promote the availability of their toilet facilities by the addition of the toilet facility symbols to their existing 'finger' signs.

The petitioners noted that the Public Services, Energy and Environment Scrutiny Board (4) would be considering a review of public toilets and the consultation with the traders would be included in this report back.

**RESOLVED, that after due consideration of the report and the matters raised at the meeting, the Cabinet Member approved to:**

- 1) **Accept the principle that additional physical signage, identifying the locations of the public conveniences would be beneficial.**
- 2) **Endorse that due to current financial constraints additional signage is regrettably not a financial priority and therefore cannot be delivered by the Council at this time.**
- 3) **Approve that Officers contact and encourage property owners / destinations and attractions which already have signs indicating their location in the city centre and have toilet facilities which are available to the public to add at their expense the toilet symbol to their current finger post sign.**

23. **Outstanding Issues**

There were no outstanding issues

24. **Any Other Public Business**

There were no other items of public business.

(Meeting closed at: 10.30am)

Cabinet Member.....Date.....