

Council – 14th January 2014
Recommendation from Cabinet
10th December 2013

Minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held at 2.00 pm. on 10th December 2013

Present:

Cabinet Members: Councillor Mrs Lucas (Chair)
Councillor D Chater
Councillor G Duggins
Councillor D Gannon
Councillor A Gingell
Councillor A Khan
Councillor E Ruane

Deputy Cabinet Members: Councillor Caan

Non-voting Opposition Members: Councillor Andrews
Councillor Blundell

Other Members: Councillors Clifford
Councillor McNicholas
Councillor Skipper
Councillor Thomas

Employees (by Directorate):

Chief Executive's: M Reeves (Chief Executive), F Collingham, J Moore,
J Venn

People: Brian Walsh (Executive Director)

Place: N Clews, D Cockroft, C Knight, R Moon

Resources: C West (Executive Director), C Forde, P. Jennings,
M Salmon

Apologies: Councillors F Abbott, C Fletcher, J Innes, L Kelly,
D Kershaw, R Lancaster, P Townshend

Public business

RECOMMENDATION

97. Amendments to Terms of Reference for West Midlands Joint Committee

The Cabinet considered a report of the Executive Director, Place, that recommended

that Council approved changes to the terms of reference of the West Midlands Joint Committee (WMJC) which had been agreed by the Joint Committee, but which required approval by all constituent Districts. Consequently the same recommendation was being taken to all District's Cabinets and Councils.

Cabinet were also being asked to give authority for the Leader to support a proposal to the Secretary of States for Transport and Communities and Local Government for structural changes to the West Midlands Integrated Transport Authority (ITA) which the ITA intended to submit. The Department for Transport had asked that the ITA demonstrated support from all constituent Districts for the proposed structural changes, consequently the same recommendation was being taken to all District's Cabinets and Councils.

Both changes were related and would affect the governance covering transport delivery in all Wards of Coventry. The aim of the changes was to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of regional activity and to strengthen transport governance.

There were no direct financial implications arising from the recommendations in the report, as the proposals only related to governance arrangements at this stage. However, the WMJC and the ITA formed key elements of the governance arrangements through which Government devolved funding to the West Midlands and onto each local authority.

RESOLVED that the Cabinet recommends that Council:

- 1) Accepts the amended terms of reference of the West Midlands Joint Committee as set out in Appendix 2 of the report insofar as they relate to executive functions of the Council, and that the Council Solicitor and Assistant Director Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to take any necessary and consequential actions to give effect to this decision.**
- 2) Authorises the Leader of the Council, in consultation with the Chief Executive, to send or sign a letter of support to the relevant Secretary of States in connection with the proposed structural changes to the Integrated Transport Authority.**

(Meeting finished at 2.50 p.m.)