

Minutes of the meeting of Cabinet Member (Business Enterprise and Employment)
held at 10.00 a.m. on 18th November 2013

Present:

Cabinet Member: Councillor Kelly

Shadow Cabinet Member: Councillor Taylor

Employees (by Directorate):

Place: R. Negro, R. Young

Resources: S. Bennett, J Sprayson

Public Business

31. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

32. Delivering the Jobs Strategy – Half Year Progress (April – September 2013) on the “Jobs Strategy for Coventry 2011-14”

The Cabinet Member considered a report of the Executive Director, Place, which indicated that the Jobs Strategy for Coventry was endorsed by the Council in March 2011. This three year Strategy set out the Council’s proactive approach to leading the creation of new jobs and renewing the prosperity of the City. Since the Strategy was endorsed, the economic situation has worsened, economic growth has been slow and unemployment levels remain high. Implementing the Jobs Strategy for Coventry remains both a challenge and an urgent priority to ensure the economic wellbeing of the City and its residents.

The Strategy was now in its final year of delivery and the report summarised the progress made to deliver the Strategy in the past six months from 1st April to 30th September, 2013. The report indicated that the news was very positive, with many performance measures on track to meet or exceed the readjusted higher targets set for the year, and highlighted key achievements.

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

- (1) Considers and endorses the progress made by the Jobs Strategy for Coventry between April- September, 2013**
- (2) Tasks the Executive Director, Place to develop a revised 3-year Jobs Strategy covering the period 2014-2017 based on a similar level of funding to the previous 3-year programme.**
- (3) Tasks the Executive Director, Place to report back on the likelihood of this funding level being achieved and the options for service delivery between 2014- 2017.**

33. **Outstanding Issues**

There were no outstanding issues

34. **Any Other Public Business**

There were no other items of public business.

There were no other items of private business.

(Meeting closed at: 10.20am)