



Coventry City Council

Briefing note

To: **Business, Economy and Enterprise Scrutiny Board (3)**

16th April 2014

Subject: **Coventry Rail Story / Rail Investment Strategy**

1 Purpose of the Note

- 1.1 To provide an update on the progress and development of the Coventry Rail Investment Strategy.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 The Business, Economy and Enterprise Scrutiny Board (3) is recommended to review progress and developments and make any recommendations to the Cabinet Members or partners as appropriate.

3 Information/Background

- 3.1 Coventry has been historically overlooked by the rail industry in formal investment and planning strategies, despite record passenger growth at the station in recent years.
- 3.2 To address and to respond to and inform Network Rail's Long Term Planning Process, which will determine national rail priorities for 2019 through to 2024, an evidence base is being developed which can set out what connectivity would benefit Coventry's economic growth.
- 3.3 Initially called as a working title 'Coventry Rail Story' this is being developed on an evolving basis into a Rail Investment Strategy.
- 3.4 An outline presentation is attached which summarises the work to date.

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