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

Date: 20th March 2019

Subject: The Wheelhouse - Update

A separate briefing note is submitted in the private part of the agenda in respect of this item, as it contains details of financial information required to be kept private in accordance with Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972. The grounds for privacy are that it contains information relating to the financial and business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) and the amount of expenditure proposed to be incurred by the Council under a particular contract for the supply of goods or services. The public interest in maintaining the exemption under Schedule 12A outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

1 Purpose of the Note

- 1.1 To inform the Business, Economy and Enterprise Scrutiny Board (3) of current activity in relation to the growth of The Wheelhouse, based within the Council House, Coventry.
- 1.2 To seek the support and guidance of the Business, Economy and Enterprise Scrutiny Board (3) in the ongoing growth and development of The Wheelhouse.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 The Business, Economy and Enterprise Scrutiny Board (3) is recommended:
 - 1) To continue to support the growth of The Wheelhouse in the Council House.

3 Information/Background

- 3.1 At their meeting on 15th May 2018 the Scrutiny Board was informed that The Wheelhouse had opened at the Council House as a means of generating an income from otherwise underutilised space within the Council (minute 49/18 refers).
- 3.2 The Wheelhouse (Coventry) opened in late April 2018, within the former Communications Team offices converted to offer:
 - Dedicated desk spaces
 - Co-working desk spaces
 - Relaxed working spaces
 - Meeting room spaces
- 3.3 This briefing note and the Scrutiny Board meeting on 20th March 2019 seeks to update the Board on progress over the past six months' operation.

- 3.4 Members of the Board requested details of financial information required to be kept private in accordance with Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972. The grounds for privacy are that it refers to the identity, financial and business affairs of an organisation and the amount of expenditure proposed to be incurred by the Council under a particular contract for the supply of goods or services.

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