

Coventry City Council
Minutes of the Meeting of Cabinet Member for Jobs and Regeneration held at 2.00
pm on Wednesday, 11 December 2019

Present:

Members: Councillor J O'Boyle (Cabinet Member for Jobs and Regeneration)

Employees (by Directorate):

Place: S Bennett, E Kirby, S Weir

Public Business

13. Declaration of Interests

There were no disclosable pecuniary interests.

14. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 9 October, 2019 were agreed and signed as a true record.

There were no matters arising.

15. Department for Business Energy Industrial Strategy (BEIS) 2019-2020 Funding to the EU Exit Business Readiness Engagement Project

The Cabinet Member considered a report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) which sought retrospective approval to a decision taken by the City Council to act as accountable body and release a grant in the sum of £223k to Coventry and Warwickshire Local Enterprise Partnership (CWLEP) Growth Hub to deliver the EU Exit Business Readiness Engagement Project. Coventry City Council acts as accountable body for the previous and current Growth Hub funding allocations, which are awarded from the Department for Business Energy Industrial Strategy (BEIS).

BEIS have released additional funds as part of the EU Exit Business Readiness Engagement Project. The purpose of this fund is to raise awareness and support businesses nationally to make the necessary preparations for Brexit. CWLEP Growth Hub has been selected as the cluster lead for this region and will be co-ordinating project activity on behalf of the other cluster members:-

- Greater Birmingham and Solihull LEP
- Black Country LEP
- The Marches LEP

- Worcestershire LEP
- Stoke and Staffordshire LEP

The Cabinet Member asked questions in relation to the total funding made available by the Government to the Growth Hub for EU Exit Business Readiness and details relating to that funding.

RESOLVED that the Cabinet Member for Jobs and Regeneration:-

- (1) Retrospectively approves the grant payment in the sum of £223k to Coventry & Warwickshire Growth Hub for the delivery of the EU Exit Business Readiness Engagement Project**
- (2) Requests that officers provide the information now requested in relation to the total funding made available by the Government to the Growth Hub for EU Exit Business Readiness and details relating to that funding.**

16. Authority for Attendance

RESOLVED that the Cabinet Member for Jobs and Regeneration authorises Martin Yardley and Richard Moon, Place Directorate, to attend a business meeting with a Spanish Company in relation to developments in Coventry to be held in Madrid, Spain at a date to be confirmed in January, 2020.

17. Outstanding Issues

There were no outstanding issues.

18. Any Other Items of Urgent Public Business.

There were no other items of urgent public business.

(Meeting closed at 2.20 pm)