

# CABINET MEETING – 16 JANUARY 2013 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I

Title of Report:
MINUTES, PART I
Author(s):
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Purpose of Report:
Presents the minutes of the last meeting held on 20 December 2012 Part I.
Action Required:
To confirm the minutes as a correct record.

At a meeting of the CABINET held in the CIVIC CENTRE (COMMITTEE ROOM NO. 1) on Thursday 20 December 2012 at 2.00pm.

### Present:-

Councillor P. Watson in the Chair

Councillors Blackburn, Kelly, G. Miller, P. Smith, Speding and Trueman.

# Also present:-

Councillor Oliver

# Part I

### **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 5 December 2012 Part I (copy circulated) were submitted.

(For copy report - see original minutes).

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

# **Receipt of Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

# **Apologies for Absence**

An apology for absence was submitted to the meeting on behalf of Councillor Gofton.

# A City Deal for Sunderland and the North East

The Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) to describe the opportunity presented by Wave 2 of the Government's City Deal initiative and to set out the process for completing and submitting an Expression of Interest.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Councillor Speding highlighted the report and reminded Cabinet Members that in July 2012, the Government agreed the first wave of city deals with the eight core cities. He explained that these agreements were bespoke to reflect the different needs of individual places, but the overall purpose of the deals was to give cities the right powers, tools and governance to help them drive local economic growth.

Councillor Speding reported that the Government had invited twenty places to bring forward proposals for a second wave of city deals; with Sunderland being one of them in partnership with the North East LEP. He advised that the Wave 2 the process would be competitive, with only some of the 20 areas being accepted.

Cabinet Members were advised that the Council was still in the process of developing the details of its proposal, which was undergoing constant development and refinement. Therefore at this stage only high level proposals could be provided.

Councillor Speding explained that the areas invited to take part in Wave 2 were required to submit an Expression of Interest to Government by the 15 January 2013 and the Government's assessment of the Expression of Interest should be known by the 16 February. He added that if accepted the City Deal would be subject to negotiation with Government before it was completed in November 2013. He reported that the Government had been clear that the Wave 2 city deals would need to be more focused than the Wave 1 deals by identifying one big thing that would make a difference. It was proposed that Sunderland's proposal be in line with the city's Economic Masterplan, to boost manufacturing capacity, to the benefit of the entire region and to use that growth as a lever to help power up the city centre.

Councillor Speding went on to explain that as the Cabinet next meets the day after the submission deadline approval was sought to delegate agreement of the detail of the submission to the Deputy Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader and Cabinet Secretary so that it could be improved and refined up to the submission date.

Consideration having been given to the report, it was:-

2. RESOLVED that to note the content of the report and authorise the Deputy Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader and Cabinet Secretary, to finalise and submit an Expression of Interest for Wave 2 of the Government's City Deal

Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006

At the instance of the Chairman it was: -

3. RESOLVED that in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006 the public be excluded during consideration of the remaining business as it was considered to involve a likely disclosure of information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority) (Paragraph 3 of Part 1, Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972). The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

(Signed) P. WATSON, Chairman.

# Note:-

The above minutes comprise only those relating to items during which the meeting was open to the public.

Additional minutes in respect of other items are included in Part II.