

KEY CITIES GROUP – FEEDBACK REPORT

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To report on the outcome of the meeting with Mr Richard Moon (Senior Development Executive - Coventry City Council) as part of the Committees review into the Key Cities Group of local authorities.

2. Background

- 2.1 During 2015/16, the Skills, Economy and Regeneration Scrutiny Panel as part of its work programme considered the work of the Key Cities Group of local authorities and how Sunderland Council was using its involvement to promote economic growth.
- 2.2 As part of this work, members met with Mr Richard Moon (Senior Development Executive at Coventry City Council) on 21 April 2016 to discuss and share any learning on how best to promote economic development within the city.
- 2.3 The city of Coventry was chosen in view of its many similarities with Sunderland in terms of the economic challenges it faces and the way in which these challenges are being addressed.

3 Current Position

- 3.1 A feedback report setting out the issues raised at the session is attached for members information.
- 3.2 It is suggested that members may wish to consider continuing to monitor the progress being made by the members of the Key Cities Group as part of its work programme for the year ahead.

4. Recommendations

- 4.1 The Committee is asked to note the information.