

ITEM 10

COUNCIL CABINET 17 January 2018 Minute Extracts

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Key Decisions

100/17 Commercial Waste – Proposed Delegation of Service to Nottingham City Council

The Council Cabinet considered a report which stated that as part of the ongoing development of the Derby-Nottingham Metro Strategy had included looking at areas with potential for greater service efficiency. One service under consideration had been Commercial Waste collection and disposal. A proposal to delegate the delivery of the service to Nottingham City Council was now put forward as a positive approach to developing our combined commercial waste services.

The delegation would effectively see the responsibility for delivering the whole service in Derby transfer to Nottingham City Council. Staff, vehicles and the administration of the commercial waste service would all transfer and the service would be managed and directed by officers at Nottingham City Council. The combined service would have benefits of scale in what could be a competitive market and had a real potential to grow securing additional business and improving efficiencies.

Any decision to delegate the service to Nottingham would require a decision by Council and it was envisaged therefore that, subject to Council Cabinet approval, a report would be presented to Council on the 24 January 2018.

The Executive Scrutiny Board considered the report in the confidential part of the agenda.

Options Considered

1. Do nothing. The current service operated on small margins and with limited resources but was largely stable and met both the statutory requirements and the expectations of its customers.
2. Invest in the service and develop additional business. Engagement with officers from Nottingham had shown where areas of the current service could/should be improved. It would be possible to deliver improvement over time and to seek to generate additional business and income. This would likely take longer if the service was kept in house, rather than delegated to Nottingham, and would require upfront investment perhaps over several years.

3. Out source the service. Consideration had been given to outsourcing services across Streetpride functions. The potential market for outsourcing this limited service was quite small and it was not considered that sufficient interest would be generated to achieve longer term benefits.

Decision

1. To note and accept the work that had already been done in detailing a proposed delegation of the Commercial Waste service to Nottingham City Council.
2. To recommend Council to approve the proposed delegation to Nottingham City Council.

Reasons

1. The delegation of the service to Nottingham City Council would best support the development and expansion of commercial waste collection services in Derby.
2. The constitution requires that the decision to delegate the function to Nottingham City Council be made by Council.

Other

103/17 Creation of the Role of Derby Ambassador for Business and Innovation

The Council Cabinet considered a report which stated that Derby had a long and proud history of attracting and retaining high technology, manufacturing and innovative businesses. As a place, Derby was recognised regionally, nationally and internationally not only for the presence of its large blue chip companies such as Rolls-Royce, Toyota and Bombardier, but also for all the highly skilled and innovative small to medium sized enterprises (SME) that make up a large supply chain.

In order to maintain this reputation, and to continue to attract new businesses, as well as giving the best possible support for our existing companies to grow, it must be recognised that competition from other locations both regionally/nationally and internationally were increasing.

Currently Derby relies heavily on the work of Marketing Derby which does an excellent job. However the creation of new structures, new political interfaces and new funding streams was changing the environment in which we operate.

Bodies such as the Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEP), the Midlands Engine and Midlands Connect, as well as opportunities like HS2, require a different approach to that currently being pursued by Derby.

The creation of Metro Mayors like Mr Andy Street in the West Midlands was providing a direct line into government and senior business leaders. This had the potential to attract significant inward investment and government funding however due to the East Midlands not having a devolution deal, this was a form of influence that could not be replicated.

However, Derby was now working closely with Nottingham City Council under the Metro arrangements and this was creating interest with Government. Nottingham City Council had looked to one of their prominent individual's, Sir John Peace, to represent Nottingham to Government and business and again this had provided them with influence in areas such as the Midlands Engine.

Therefore, in order to ensure Derby has representation at this level, Derby City Council was asked to create a new role of Derby Ambassador for Business and Innovation. The role would be an honorary role appointed by Council to represent the City and as such would be non-political. The role would be conducted on a voluntary basis and would not attract a salary, however reasonable expenses would be recompensed when working on City business.

It was proposed that an individual would be the City Ambassador for a period of three years, after which the Council could either appoint a new individual or following consultation with the incumbent, agree to continue the relationship for a further three years.

Following discussion with the party leaders of Labour, Conservative and Liberal Democrat groups and the Chairman of the Renaissance Board, Mr Mel Morris, had been approached to be the nomination for the first Derby Ambassador for Business and Innovation.

Mr Morris was a highly innovative and creative business man who had many of the connections and contacts in the world of business, skills and innovation that make him an ideal candidate and the Leader strongly recommended him for the position.

The Executive Scrutiny Board requested involvement in the appointment process for this type of role in the future.

Decision

1. To support the creation of the role of Derby Ambassador for Business and Innovation and to recommend Council to approve of the creation of the role.
2. To establish the role for a period of three years in-line with the details provided in the report.
3. To recommend to Council the appointment of Mr Mel Morris to the role of Derby Ambassador for Business and Innovation.
4. To accept the recommendation of the Executive Scrutiny Board that it be involved in the appointment process for this type of role in the future.

Key Decisions – Considered in the Exempt Part of the Meeting

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The Executive Scrutiny Board recommended Council Cabinet to consider

1. whether staff subject to the TUPE process would have their pensions scheme protected;
2. whether TUPE protected the location of the workplace of those affected which could be otherwise subject to change during future restructuring arrangements at Nottingham City Council; and
3. the inclusion of arrangements to TUPE staff back to DCC as part of exit arrangements.

Options Considered

These were set out in paragraphs 5.1 to 5.3 of the report.

Decision

1. To note and accept the work that had already been done in detailing a proposed delegation of the Commercial Waste service to Nottingham City Council and to approve the draft Heads of Terms set out in Appendix 2 of the report.

2. To recommend Council to approve the proposed delegation to Nottingham City Council.
3. To delegate authority to the Strategic Director Communities and Place following consultation with the Director of Governance and Monitoring Officer and the Cabinet Member for Cohesion and Integration to approve the formal legal agreement required to enable the delegation, which would be in place prior to Nottingham City Council accepting the delegation.
4. To accept the recommendation of the Executive Scrutiny Board to consider
 - whether staff subject to the TUPE process would have their pensions scheme protected;
 - whether TUPE protected the location of the workplace of those affected which could be otherwise subject to change during future restructuring arrangements at Nottingham City Council; and
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Reasons

These were set out in paragraphs 3.1 to 3.3 of the report.