

Time started	12:10 pm
Time ended	12:15 pm

Regeneration and Economy Cabinet Member Meeting 10 January 2018

Present: Councillor Banwait

In Attendance: Andy Waterhouse (Spatial Planning Group Manager), Nicky Bartley (Planning Policy Team Leader), Clare Harrison (Democratic Services)

Members in Attendance: Councillor West

12/17 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Rawson

13/17 Late Items

There were no late items.

14/17 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

15/17 Authorisation to bid for grant funding to support future joint local plan making

An apology was received from Councillor Rawson.

It was stated in the Council Constitution within Part B of the Scheme of Delegations that the Executive Leader is responsible for "performing the functions of, or taking decisions on matters reserved to, an individual member of the Council Cabinet if the Monitoring Officer determines that the relevant individual member is unable to act". In this instance the Executive Leader was therefore permitted to take this executive non-key decision in the absence of the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Economy.

A report of the Acting Director, Strategic Partnerships, Planning and Transportation was considered to seek Cabinet Member agreement to authorise the submission of a bid to CLG under its Planning Delivery Grant for grant funding up to a value of £245,000 to commission the two studies identified in paragraphs 1.3 and 1.4. The report also sought agreement to delegate to the Strategic Director of Communities and Place, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and the Economy, authority to enter into partnership arrangements, any contracts and procure any such works required, as a result of a successful funding bid.

The Executive Leader was informed that Government has recently invited 'Expressions of Interest' for grant funding to facilitate more joint plan making through a new Planning Delivery Grant. The intention is to foster greater joint working between Local Planning Authorities to improve longer term, strategic plan making to help to significantly increase housing supply. £25 million is being made available over a three year period from 2017/18 to 2019/20, of which bids are now being sought for the first two years.

It was reported that some of the figures in the original report had been amended and that it is proposed to bid for up to £245,000 altogether with approximately £143,000 towards the Infinity Garden Village bid and approximately £80,000 for the two studies to support joint plan making. It was reported that the deadline for bid submissions was the end of the following day, Thursday 11 January 2018.

The Executive Leader resolved to agree the recommendations as printed in the report.

It was resolved to:

- 1) authorise the submission of a bid to CLG under its Planning Delivery Grant for grant funding up to a value of £245,000 to commission the two studies identified; and**
- 2) delegate to the Strategic Director of Communities and Place, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and the Economy, authority to enter into partnership arrangements, any contracts and procure any such works required, as a result of a successful funding bid.**

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