

Minutes of a meeting of the **Economic Success Panel** held by video link on **Monday 7 December 2020** at 6pm when there were present:

Cllr J Copplestone – Chairman

Cllr S Beadle

Cllr A Crotch

Cllr T M Mancini-Boyle

Cllr N Brennan

Cllr D King

Cllr K Vincent

Cllr S Catchpole

Officers in attendance were the Assistant Director of Economic Growth (TA), the Senior Economic Development Officer: Funding and Strategy (NC), the Programme Manager (AM) and the Democratic Services Officers (JH and LA).

### **31 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST UNDER PROCEDURAL RULE NO 8**

None made.

### **32 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr P Bulman and Cllr N Harpley.

### **33 MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 October 2020 were confirmed as a correct record.

### **34 MATTERS ARISING**

Members requested an update on the proposed changes to the member-led community grant scheme which was brought before the Panel at the previous meeting. The Chairman explained that the proposals were discussed at the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting back in November and would be considered at the Cabinet meeting the following day (8 December). Any recommendations from Cabinet would then go on to full Council for approval.

### **35 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

#### **RESOLVED:**

To exclude the Press and public from the meeting for the remaining business because otherwise, information which was exempt information by virtue of

Paragraph 3 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006 would be disclosed to them.

### 36 FOOD INNOVATION CENTRE (FIC) – DELEGATED AUTHORITY

The Panel considered the report of the Assistant Director for Economic Growth which sought delegated authority for nominated Directors, in liaison with nominated Members, to make a number of decisions in relation to the Food Innovation Centre (FIC).

The Assistant Director for Economic Growth explained the background to the report, the upcoming steps of the project and the reasoning behind the request for delegated authority.

The Panel was invited to consider the proposals outlined in the report.

A detailed discussion took place on the proposal, as set out in the exempt minutes. Members recognised the importance of the project but were mindful of the potential risks associated with the development, and in giving delegated authority to officers.

An amendment was proposed, and duly seconded, that recommendation 2, be amended as follows:

*“Cabinet delegates authority to the Leader, Portfolio Holder for Economic Development, and the Portfolio Holder for Finance, in consultation with the Director of Place and the Director of Resources, for the following...”*

Upon being put to the vote, this amendment was lost. Cllrs Beadle and Catchpole requested that their vote in favour of the amendment be recorded.

A further amendment was proposed and duly seconded, that recommendation 2 within the report, be amended to add the Monitoring Officer to the list of consultees. Upon being put to the vote, this amendment was unanimously carried.

Members then voted on the recommendations of the report, as amended above, and it was

**RESOLVED to recommend that Cabinet** supports the recommendations outlined in the report, as amended above.

Cllrs Beadle and Catchpole requested that their vote against recommendation 2 be recorded.

*The meeting closed at 7.25pm.*