

**DECISION SESSION - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT (DEPUTY LEADER)**

THURSDAY, 3 DECEMBER 2015

DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Decision Session Executive Member for Economic Development and Community Engagement (Deputy Leader) held on Thursday, 3 December 2015. The wording used does not necessarily reflect the actual wording that will appear in the minutes.

Members are reminded that, should they wish to call in a key decision, notice must be given to Democracy Support Group no later than 4pm on the second working day after this meeting.

If you have any queries about any matters referred to in this decision sheet please contact Laura Bootland.

4. Business Friendly Council

Resolved: That the Executive Member noted the work being undertaken to become a Business Friendly Council as outlined in the report as follows:

- We undertake work within the council to understand the issues identified by the survey and what we should do to address these. We will look at this in comparison to other surveys conducted for the relevant service areas. For example, planning colleagues have indicated that satisfaction of their service and response times perform well compared to regional comparators
- Work with businesses at all levels to understand how we can improve on our performance. We already plan to meet the Chambers of Commerce Executive Committee to discuss these issues. We will look to arrange sessions with other members of the business community on this topic.

- Work with the business community to develop performance metrics to ensure that we have a target to aim for and measure progress against. For example, we could have a target that the experience of businesses is good or better in all areas.
- Develop guidance for all consultations that involve businesses: Given it was clear that this area was identified as weak for the council and there is currently no one approach for consulting businesses, we will look to work with businesses to develop a process for consultations that better meets their needs.

Reason: To ensure the administration meets its commitment to become a Business Friendly Council

5. **Performance Monitoring**

Resolved: That the Executive Member approved the suggested dashboard.

Reason: As a means to monitor performance within his portfolio area at decision making sessions.

6. **Investing in the Council's Community Centres**

Resolved: That the Executive Member agreed:

- i. Option C to provide some direct grants whilst retaining some of the budget for the Council to contribute to the repair and maintenance liabilities. A sinking fund will be established to allow a planned approach to asset replacement.
- ii. Agreed to the commencement of a consultation programme to identify

Clifton residents needs for future provision.

Reason: To ensure community centres remain sustainable and provide local activity for residents.

7. Extra Investment in Children & Young People's Services

Resolved: That the Executive Member:

- i. Agreed the programme of activity
- ii. Agreed the commissioning of a review of the wider offer for children and young people.

Reason: To increase the wellbeing and quality of life for children and young people.