

PUBLIC

MINUTES of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER FOR STRATEGIC POLICY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND BUDGET** held on 14 April 2015 at County Hall, Matlock

PRESENT

Cabinet Member – Councillor Ms A Western

Also in attendance – Councillor R Mihaly

9/15 **MINUTES RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 3 March 2015 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.

10/15 **APPRENTICE SKILLS SHOW EVENT** On 20 September 2011, Cabinet agreed to consider proposals to support apprenticeships in an effort to help address the County's rising levels of youth unemployment. After investigating a number of options, two apprenticeship delivery models were established and it was agreed to award contracts to Learning Unlimited, part of the Chesterfield College Group, to:

- Deliver the Council's Internal Apprenticeship Scheme
- Administer the Council's Apprentice Grants for Employers (AGE) Grant Scheme

The Internal Scheme was designed to create 500 internal apprenticeship placements and was being delivered by the Council's Human Resources Division. The aim of the AGE Scheme was to provide 200 cash incentive grants of £2,500 to Derbyshire businesses to employ and support a young person to complete an accredited apprentice framework. The grant was paid to eligible businesses in three instalments. This approach was adopted partly to protect the Council's financial interest and had resulted in £18,550 being reimbursed by Learning Unlimited in the financial year 2014-15 due to apprentices not completing their framework.

In developing the County Council's approach in relation to youth employment, the Cabinet Member was asked to retrospectively approve the use of £4,000 of the reimbursed funding to support an apprentice event led by Derbyshire County Council that was held at Chesterfield College on 26 March 2015. An estimated cost for the event was in the region of £9,250, with £1,250 coming from the Skills Funding Agency, £4,000 European Social Fund, and £4,000 public match funding.

RESOLVED to approve (1) the use of £4,000 reimbursed grant from the Council's Apprentice Grants for Employers Phase 1 scheme; and

(2) the signing of the appropriate match funding certificate.

11/15 **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC RESOLVED** to exclude the public from the meeting during the consideration of the remaining items on the agenda to avoid the disclosure of exempt or confidential information.

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS CONDUCTED AFTER THE PUBLIC WERE EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING

1. To consider the exempt report of the Strategic Director Economy, Transport and Environment on the proposed extension of the Global Derbyshire Small Business Support Programme (contains information relating to any individual)