Corporate Services & Partnerships Policy Overview Committee

8 June 2010

Minutes



	Members Present: Councillors Richard Lewis (Chairman), Jazz Dhillon, Raymond Melvin, Robin Sansarpuri and Michael White. Apologies: None. Officer: Khalid Ahmed (Democratic Services Manager).	Graham, Carol
3.	Declarations of Interest None.	
4.	Minutes of the meetings held on 14 April and 13 May 2010 Agreed as accurate records.	
5.	Exclusion of the Press and Public It was agreed that all items of business were considered in public.	
6.	Draft Final Report on Impact of Public Funded Business Support and the Success of New Business Start up Within Hillingdon and to Review How the Council could Improve Business to Business Support within the Borough's Industrial Estates	Action By:
	Members were provided with a draft of the final report on the second major review the Committee had completed at its last meeting.	
	Members were taken through the recommendations of the report and provided with the reasoning behind the recommendations. Reference was made to Hayes Business Studios which provided an excellent facility for microbusinesses, which a meeting of the review took place at.	
	Regarding the recommendation on other sources of funding, discussion took place on the possibility of working with BAA and Heathrow Airport and the possibility of working with BAA on providing advice and support to new businesses on issues such as exporting.	

Action By:

The review was informed that the Council funding for the Studios came from Section 106 monies, a London Development Agency grant and funding from Hillingdon Community Trust and Members agreed that investigations should also take place into whether funding for business education and for apprenticeships could also be obtained from Section 106 monies which are earmarked for education. Members asked that this should be reflected in a recommendation of the review.

Part of the review looked at Industrial Estates, in particular North Uxbridge Industrial Estate, and Members forged links with SEGRO (Slough Estates Group) who owned this estate. One of the recommendations of the review was to work with SEGRO on initiatives such as producing a website for the estate, which would have a web page for each business and which would provide information on rental opportunities and initiatives to support businesses. In addition to encourage business to business support, business clubs could be formed which helped businesses support one and other, possibly providing discounts for good and services.

Resolved -

1. That approval be given to the recommendations contained in the report and the report be finalised for submission to Cabinet by the Chairman of the Committee in consultation with Democratic Services.

Khalid Ahmed

2. That a progress report on the recommendations of the review be submitted to this Committee in 2011.

Khalid Ahmed

7. Corporate Services & Partnerships Policy Overview Committee – Review Topics 2010/11

Members discussed possible review topics for the Committee for this Municipal Year.

Areas and ideas that Members discussed included:

- Elections What went well, not so well and what went wrong?
- What was the Council doing to deal with political and religious extremism?
- How the Council's partners are dealing with unaccompanied child asylum seekers and what was the impact on Council services?
- The role of Consultants and Agency staff.

The suggestions would be discussed with officers and the

	Chairman and a draft scoping report would be submitted to the next meeting of this Committee on the first major review.	Action By:
	Resolved –	
	That the decision on the two review topics be delegated to the Chairman of the Committee in consultation with Democratic Services.	Khalid Ahmed
8.	Work programme 20010/11	
	The report was noted.	
9.	Cabinet Forward Plan	
	The report was noted.	
	Meeting closed at 8.30pm Next meeting: 22 July 2010 at 7.30pm.	

These are the minutes of the above meeting. For more information on any of the resolutions please contact Khalid Ahmed on 01895 250833. Circulation of these minutes are to Councillors, Officers, the Press and Members of the Public.