

RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION BY CABINET

ITEM: Open for Business

Cabinet Members Present:

- Councillors S E Geraghty (Chairman)
- M Bayliss
- M J Hart
- A Kent, K May
- R J Morris
- T Onslow
- A C Roberts
- M T Rouse

Date of Decision:

22 September 2022

Purpose:

To consider developments to the Open for Business programme, note schemes already undertaken, and approve reserve and capital programme allocations to proposed projects.

DECISION:

Cabinet:

- a) Delegated responsibility to the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Economy, Infrastructure and Skills to oversee the implementation of the Open for Business programme and approve future business cases for such investment, from the Open for Business Reserve and/or the Open for Business Capital Programme, up to £0.5 million per project;
- b) approved the Governance Structure of the Open for Business Board as set out in this report; and
- c) noted the schemes already completed and underway as part of the Open for Business Programme and its successes to date and approved relevant reserve and capital programme allocations to be spent on the proposed projects as listed in this report, namely Business Worcestershire, Visit Worcestershire, and Workforce Resilience.

Reason(s) for the Decision:

As set out in the report. To create a prosperous Worcestershire through the Open for Business programme which is part of the Council's Corporate Plan.

Alternative Options Considered:

None other than set out in the report.

Conflict of Interest (any declared by a consulted Cabinet Member/any dispensation granted)

None

Date the decision is due to take effect:

29 September 2022

Tom Pollock, Head of Commercial Law