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Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2017

Dear Sir or Madam,

You are summoned to attend a meeting of the Bolsover District Council on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 1000 hours in the Council Chamber, The Arc, High Street, Clowne.**

**Notes for Members:**

Register of Members' Interests - Members are reminded that a Member must within 28 days of becoming aware of any changes to their Disclosable Pecuniary Interests provide written notification to the Authority's Monitoring Officer.

You will find the contents of the agenda itemised on pages 2 to 4.

Yours faithfully,

Assistant Director – Governance & Monitoring Officer and Solicitor to the Council  
To: Chairman & Members of the Council

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# COUNCIL

## AGENDA

WEDNESDAY 11 OCTOBER 2017 AT 1000 HOURS

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	<b>PART 1 – OPEN ITEMS</b>	
1.	<b>Apologies for Absence</b>	
2.	<b>Declarations of Interest</b>	
	Members should declare the existence and nature of any Disclosable Pecuniary Interest and Non Statutory Interest as defined by the Members' Code of Conduct in respect of:-	
	a) any business on the agenda	
	b) any additional urgent items to be considered	
	c) any matters arising out of the business of those items	
	and withdraw from the meeting at the relevant time, if appropriate.	
3.	<b>Questions</b>	
	a) Questions submitted by the Public pursuant to Rule 8 of the Council Procedure Rules.	None
	b) Questions submitted by Members pursuant to Rule 9 of the Council Procedure Rules.	
4.	<b>Reports on special urgency decisions</b>	
	In any event the Leader will submit reports to the Council on the Executive decisions taken in the circumstances set out in Rule 16 (special urgency) in the preceding three months. The report will include the number of decisions so taken and a summary of the matters in respect of which those decisions were taken.	None

5. **Minutes of Last Meeting**

To approve and the Chairman to sign the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 13 September 2017.

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6. **Minute Book**

Members may put questions for clarification in respect of the minutes contained within the latest Minute Book dated 11 October 2017.

7. **Recommended Items**

None

8. **Motions on Notice**

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 10 to consider motions on notice from Members. Motions must be delivered to the Monitoring Officer by 12 noon seven clear working days before the meeting.

*To consider the following motion from Councillor Clive Moesby:*

*This council notes that:*

- *NJC basic pay has fallen by 21% since 2010 in real terms*
- *NJC workers had a three-year pay freeze from 2010-2012*
- *Local terms and conditions of many NJC employees have also been cut, impacting on their overall earnings*
- *NJC pay is the lowest in the public sector*
- *Job evaluated pay structures are being squeezed and distorted by bottom-loaded NJC pay settlements needed to reflect the increased National Living Wage and the Foundation Living Wage*
- *There are growing equal and fair pay risks resulting from this situation*

*This council therefore supports the NJC pay claim for 2018, submitted by UNISON, GMB and Unite on behalf of council and school workers and calls for the immediate end of*

*public sector pay restraint. NJC pay cannot be allowed to fall further behind other parts of the public sector. This council also welcomes the joint review of the NJC pay spine to remedy the turbulence caused by bottom-loaded pay settlements.*

*This council also notes the drastic ongoing cuts to local government funding and calls on the Government to provide additional funding to fund a decent pay rise for NJC employees and the pay spine review.*

*This council therefore resolves to:*

- Call immediately on the LGA to make urgent representations to Government to fund the NJC claim and the pay spine review and notify us of their action in this regard*
- Write to the Prime Minister and Chancellor supporting the NJC pay claim and seeking additional funding to fund a decent pay rise and the pay spine review*
- Meet with local NJC union representatives to convey support for the pay claim and the pay spine review*

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| 9   | <b>Development Update</b>                                                                        | Presentation     |
|     | (Presentation from Grant Galloway, Assistant Director – Property and Estates)                    |                  |
| 10. | <b>Growth Strategy Update</b>                                                                    | Pages<br>9 to 13 |
|     | (Presentation and report from Allison Westray-Chapman, Assistant Director – Economic Growth)     |                  |
| 11. | <b>Chair’s Announcements</b>                                                                     |                  |
|     | To receive any announcements that the Chair of the Council may desire to lay before the meeting. |                  |
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## **BOLSOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL**

Minutes of a meeting of the Bolsover District Council held in the Council Chamber, The Arc, Clowne, on Wednesday 13 September 2017 at 1000 hours.

### **PRESENT:-**

Councillor T Munro..... Chair  
Councillor R Turner..... Vice Chair

### **Members:-**

Councillors T Alexander, A Anderson, J E Bennett, R J Bowler, P M Bowmer, G Buxton, T J Connerton, C P Cooper, P A Cooper, M G Crane, M Dixey, M Dooley, S W Fritchley, A Joesbury, C Moesby, T Munro, B R Murray-Carr, S Peake, K Reid, J Ritchie, J E Smith, P Smith, A M Syrett, K.F. Walker, B Watson, D Watson and J Wilson.

### **Officers:-**

D Swaine (Chief Executive Officer), L Hickin (Strategic Director), S Sternberg (Assistant Director of Governance, Solicitor to the Council & Monitoring Officer), D Clarke (Assistant Director – Finance, Revenues and Benefits), D Cairns (Governance Manager - Acting) and Pam Brown (Chief Executive's and Partnership Team Manager)

### **0221. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors P Barnes, T Cannon, J A Clifton, H J Gilmour, R A Heffer, D McGregor, S J Statter, and E Stevenson.

### **0222. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no interests declared at this meeting.

### **0223. QUESTIONS BY THE PUBLIC**

Mr Gary Smith had submitted a question however he did not attend the meeting. In accordance with the Council's procedure rules, his question was not dealt with.

Ms Kate Heasman asked a question of Councillor Ann Syrett, Leader and Portfolio Holder for Strategic Planning and Regeneration:

*I am aware from BDC's Response to the HS2 Route Refinement Consultation, that the Council has shown concern on the impact the spur line will have on the villages of Newton and Old Blackwell and as an alternative to the spur line, the Council asked HS2 to consider using the Erewash Line/Midland Mainline from Toton to serve Sheffield and believed this alternative would be cost effective and lessen the impact. This was also included in the response from DCC.*

*Have BDC commissioned or how would you consider commissioning a mitigation report showing the cost savings and reduction in impact by using the Erewash Line/Midland Mainline?*

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*By having such a report this would still provide a link to Chesterfield and Sheffield, capacity would be the same as the proposed spur line and Derbyshire would benefit by having this section of the Midland Mainline electrified. Such a report could be a joint venture with DCC.*

Councillor A Syrett undertook to supply a written response to the question.

Mr Graeme Heasman asked a question of Councillor Ann Syrett, Leader and Portfolio Holder for Strategic Planning and Regeneration:

*How have the consequences of the decision to cut a separate new high speed train rail route through the parish of Blackwell been examined by Bolsover District Council in recent months?*

Councillor A Syrett undertook to supply a written response to the question.

Ms Dorothy Mellors asked a question of Councillor Ann Syrett, Leader and Portfolio Holder for Strategic Planning and Regeneration:

*It appears that the decision has now been made by HS2 to accept the spur route to Sheffield. This is a massive blow for our parish of Blackwell with two new High speed train lines going through the parish. This is going to cause major disruption not only on most of the roads through the parish but to services such as water and sewerage, gas, electricity and media cabling which will have to be re-routed. What steps do the Council have planned to minimise and mitigate the effects of this proposed "double HS2 route" through the parish of Blackwell and do the Council propose a site visit so that they are aware of all the difficulties we are going to be facing?*

Councillor A Syrett undertook to supply a written response to the question.

Mr Tony Mellors asked a question of Councillor Brian Murray-Carr, Portfolio Holder for Community Safety & Street Services:

*Have BDC undertaken or do you plan to undertake a study of the route through Blackwell Parish, in order to assess the method of tunnelling you will press HS2 to adopt at the points where the route crosses roads, and impacts upon homes?*

Councillor A Syrett, addressing all of the questions, advised that the Council recognised the seriousness of the issue for the Council, the District and particularly the individuals directly affected by the HS2 proposals. The Council would provide a detailed written response to the questioners and would also pass the questions and concerns on the HS2. While Bolsover District Council had no power over the HS2 proposals or the route, the Council would provide what support it could to those affected, as much as possible.

Councillor B Murray-Carr echoed the remarks of Councillor A Syrett and also undertook to supply a written response to the final question which was addressed to him.

Under the Council's procedure rules, each questioner was permitted to ask one supplementary question arising from the original question or reply. Mr Mellors chose to exercise this right and his question was as follows:-

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*Was the Council aware that at a recent HS2 event at South Normanton more home owners on Alfreton Road were encouraged to apply for blight to widen the area surrounding the proposed HS2 rail line and make it easier for construction?*

Councillor A Syrett thanked Mr Mellors for bringing this to the Council's attention and would include this information in future dialogue between the Council and HS2.

### **0224. REPORTS ON SPECIAL URGENCY DECISIONS**

There were no special urgency decisions submitted at this meeting.

### **0225. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

Moved by Councillor R Turner and seconded by Councillor J Ritchie.

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of Council held on 19 July 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

(Governance Manager - Acting)

### **0226. MINUTE BOOKS**

Moved by Councillor R Turner and seconded by Councillor J Ritchie.

**RESOLVED** that the minutes as printed in the Minute Books dated 19 July 2017 be noted.

(Governance Manager - Acting)

### **0227. RECOMMENDED ITEMS**

There were no recommended items submitted to this meeting.

### **0228. BUILDING RESILIENCE PROGRAMME – DEPARTMENT FOR COMMUNITIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT'S CONTROLLING MIGRATION FUNDING**

Council received a presentation from the Chief Executive's and Partnership Manager which outlined the Building Resilience Programme, set up with funding from the Department for Communities and Local Government's Controlling Migration Funding.

The presentation covered the background to the programme and the funding bid, the aims and ambitions of the programme, the change hoped to be achieved and the projects and partners involved in the delivery process, across seven operational strands.

The Chief Executive's and Partnership Manager advised Members that the Building Resilience Programme was a two year programme to address pressures arising from migration and to promote integration, involving multi-agency work and multiple complementary projects.

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Having received the presentation, Members asked questions and discussed issues raised by the presentation

The Chief Executive advised Members that the Building Resilience Programme did not sit in isolation and wider work was being undertaken regarding town centre master plans, One Public Estate bids and regeneration frameworks.

Members praised the success of the Partnership Team in achieving the level of funding awarded and for putting the project together, as well as recognising the importance of collaboration with public sector and other partners.

Councillor A Syrett thanked the Partnership Team for their work on the project on behalf of the Council and also recognised the work of the Council's partners who were not present to be thanked.

Moved by Councillor T Munro and seconded by Councillor R Turner.

**RESOLVED** that the presentation be noted.

(Chief Executive's and Partnership Manager)

### **0229. APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT PERSON**

Council considered a report of the Monitoring Officer which recommended the appointment of an Independent Person for a term of four years.

The Council was required to have at least one Independent Person, however the Council had previously decided that it was preferable to have two Independent Persons.

The Standards Committee had approved the recruitment process at its meeting on 3 October 2016 and the role was subsequently advertised. The Chief Executive and the Deputy Monitoring Officer carried out interviews with the shortlisted candidates in August 2017 and recommended Mr Ian Kirk for the appointment.

Moved by Councillor A M Syrett and seconded by Councillor M Dooley.

**RESOLVED** that the Council appoints Mr Ian Kirk as an Independent Person to the Standards Committee for a four year term.

(Monitoring Officer)

### **0230. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman advised Members that his Civic Service would be taking place on 15 October 2017 and Members would have already received invitations.

The Chairman also advised Members that a reception would take place shortly after the meeting with a presentation to recognise the service of the former Chairman, Councillor Ken Walker.

The meeting concluded at 1100 hours.



**Bolsover District Council**

**Council**

**11 October 2017**

**Growth Strategy**

**Report of the Assistant Director Economic Growth**

This report is public

**Purpose of the Report**

- To present an update on the Growth Strategy 2014-2024
- To approve the production of a revised Growth Strategy, in consultation with stakeholders and agencies.

**1 Report Details**

- 1.1 In 2014 Council adopted a Growth Strategy produced following a Local Government Association (LGA) Peer Review in 2013 and a subsequent successful bid to the LGA for an independent specialist consultant to support the development of the growth strategy. The bid provided 7 days support for the council.
- 1.2 Since the adoption of the strategy the council has achieved a great deal, recognising that further cuts in government grant will make maintaining and building on these achievements more challenging in the future. This strategy has refocused the Council's activity to maximise opportunities and unlocking the potential to deliver growth by maximising income from New Homes Bonus and the Business Rates. The strategy is about maximising opportunities to ensure our long term viability.
- 1.3 However, there has been significant national and international change since the Growth Strategy was approved. The decision to leave the European Union has undoubtedly been the focus for central government with other changes such as the future of Business Rate Retention and New Homes Bonus now uncertain. There has also been the approval of HS2 line as a national infrastructure project, the LEP Growth HUBs are now established, LEP funding is now being realised and a restructured Homes and Communities Agency will be changing to Homes England.
- 1.4 With a backdrop of these wider contextual changes and continuing financial pressures as a result of government spending cuts, it is an appropriate time to acknowledge where progress has been made, reflect on areas which have been more challenging and update the strategy to continue to provide direction to the Council over the coming years.
- 1.5 There are three strategic priorities in the current strategy, and some achievements are outlined below:

**Supporting Enterprise:** maintaining and growing the business base

- Ongoing Business Relationship Management support with local businesses
- Promotion of funding and opportunities that become available
- Inward investment and pitchbook material produced for Coalite as part of Derbyshire County Council delegation to China and Midlands Engine promotion at MPIM
- Established an Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering business network
- Developed a new Business Engagement Strategy
- Produced inward investment material for the district
- Optimising opportunities to develop a range of accommodation to support the visitor economy

**Enabling Housing Growth:** increasing the supply, quality and range of housing to meet the needs of a growing population and support economic growth

- Set up Council house building joint venture, with Woodheads
- Total B@home properties in progress is 92 with a further pipeline to exceed the 100 property target
- Set up Market Sale house building joint venture also with Woodheads
- Brookvale Phase 1 being built by Keepmoat and delivering 153 high quality homes
- Brookvale Phase 2 has gone out to the preferred development partner panel to bid for further phases
- Target of bringing 15 empty properties back into use per annum will be achieved
- Projecting to exceed the target of 'Enable the development of at least 1,000 new properties within the district by March 2019'
- Working collaboratively with the private sector to deliver Clowne North

**Unlocking Development Potential:** unlocking the capacity of major employment sites

- £5.8m and £2m secured from D2N2 and DCC respectively to contribute to £21m remediation and development scheme for Coalite
- Leading the redevelopment of key town centre projects :

Bolsover – development of Sherwood Lodge site- options for mixed use development,

Clowne – new civic route; urban design scheme incorporating pedestrian priority treatments and public realm improvements,

Shirebrook – remodel and enliven the market place; public realm redesign to create more multi-functional and animated civic space,

South Normanton- redesign and re-establish the market place as the heart of the village;

Promotion of the Robin Hood line/ Gateway projects

- Developer Forum re-launched with regular attendance of 60
- Development team approach established for all major site developments

## **2 Conclusions and Reasons for Recommendation**

- 2.1 The strategy sets out our growth ambition, priorities and the approach that we will take to enable the growth of the local economy to create stability and prosperity.
- 2.2 The strategy has been developed in line with the Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) Economic Plans for Sheffield City Region and D2N2 Derby/Derbyshire/Nottingham/Nottinghamshire) to ensure that we support the delivery of the wider regional growth, achieve maximum leverage and improve collaboration. Both LEP's are in the process of reviewing their Economic Plans, which gives a further reason to review the growth strategy, to ensure priorities are aligned for future funding opportunities.

## **3 Consultation and Equality Impact**

- 3.1 As part of the process to refresh the growth strategy it is proposed to host a workshop with officers and elected members to shape the strategy.
- 3.2 As part of the process stakeholders and external agencies will be consulted on the draft revised strategy.
- 3.3 Individual transformational projects may require Equality Impact Assessments to be completed as part of the business case and may require further consultation.

## **4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection**

- 4.1 A number of projects have been identified during the development of the strategy. These have been refined as part of the consultation with officers, members and the business community.

## **5 Implications**

### **5.1 Finance and Risk Implications**

- 5.1.1 The new growth and transformational projects which form the action plan will require detailed businesses cases which will include the financial implications and identify and risks.
- 5.1.2 The Growth Strategy objective is to improve the economic resilience of the authority. Increasing business rates through the retention scheme and New Homes Bonus are considered as two sources of funding which demonstrate growth. The council has received £400k for 2015/16 to 2016/17 from the Derbyshire wide business rate pool, money which would have otherwise been returned to central government; With regards to New Homes Bonus the council received a total of £1,315,503 in 2016/17, an increase of £265,993 from 2015/16.

## 5.2 Legal Implications including Data Protection

5.2.1 Legal implications will be considered as the business cases for the transformational intervention projects are developed.

## 5.3 Human Resources Implications

5.3.1 Human Resource implications will be considered as the business cases for the inclusive growth and transformational projects which are developed.

## 6 Recommendations

6.1 That Council notes the progress made in achieving the objectives set out in the Growth Strategy.

6.2 That Council endorses a review of the Growth Strategy and notes that a revised version will be presented to Cabinet and Council in due course.

## 7 Decision Information

<b>Is the decision a Key Decision?</b> A Key Decision is an executive decision which has a significant impact on two or more District wards or which results in income or expenditure to the Council above the following thresholds: <i>BDC: Revenue - £75,000</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Capital - £150,000</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>NEDDC: Revenue - £100,000</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Capital - £250,000</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Please indicate which threshold applies</i>	No
<b>Is the decision subject to Call-In?</b> (Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)	No
<b>District Wards Affected</b>	All
<b>Links to Corporate Plan priorities or Policy Framework</b>	Unlocking Growth Potential Transforming Our Organisation

8 **Document Information**

Appendix No	Title
<b>Background Papers</b> (These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when preparing the report. They must be listed in the section below. If the report is going to Cabinet (NEDDC) or Executive (BDC) you must provide copies of the background papers)	
Growth Strategy	
Report Author	Contact Number
Asst Director Economic Growth	242222