

Committee:	Executive	Agenda Item No.:	11
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Category	3. Part of the Budget and Policy Framework		
Subject:	Bolsover District Council Regeneration Strategy Investment in People and Place 2008 - 2020 and Economic Development Strategy for Bolsover, Chesterfield and North East Derbyshire (2008-2013)		
Report by:	Head of Regeneration		
Other Officers Involved	Heads of Service, Senior Management Team		
Director	Strategy		
Relevant Portfolio Holder	Regeneration (Deputy Leader)		

RELEVANT CORPORATE AIMS

The Strategy ties in with all the Council Corporate Aims in numerous ways including:

COMMUNITY SAFETY – Ensuring that communities are safe and secure through town centre master planning; improvements to businesses and business premises etc.

CUSTOMER FOCUSED SERVICES – Providing excellent customer focused services through combined service centres; outreach business support; business focussed approach to service delivery etc.

ENVIRONMENT – Promoting and enhancing a clean and sustainable environment. Improving cultural and leisure provision in line with regeneration objectives; improvements to the public realm in town centres and business parks; bringing Brownfield land back into productive use; creating a sustainable future for Pleasley Vale etc.

REGENERATION – Developing healthy, prosperous and sustainable communities. Town centre regeneration including support for retail sector and small businesses; housing led regeneration; improving transport connections through partnership work etc.

SOCIAL INCLUSION – Promoting fairness, equality and lifelong learning. Delivering anti poverty work; providing job and training opportunities through regeneration programmes; addressing worklessness through partnership delivery etc

STRATEGIC ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT – Continually improving our organisation. Providing clear business focussed services; support for joint service delivery; use of own asset base to deliver regeneration outputs etc.

TARGETS

Contained within both documents. Also Corporate target to adopt a Regeneration Strategy, and achieve all (*relevant*) milestones by March 2011

VALUE FOR MONEY

Considered through all proposals contained within both documents, but most evidenced through partnership work and delivery.

THE REPORT

The Head of Regeneration has for some time been assembling a Regeneration strategy for the Bolsover District Council's operational area. The draft strategy is now finished (Executive Summary and Action Plan attached) and includes detailed sections on the background history, a reflection on the sub regional, regional and national context, a shared vision and clear action planning and targets. It has also been recently amended to reflect the current economic downturn and looks forward in this respect to the clear opportunities which are presented now and in the future. This aspect will be further informed by ideas which will come out of a special half day event being organised by the Head of Regeneration and Chief Executive on the 3rd February.

There a number of 'highlights' within the action plan. These will be explained in detail during a presentation on the Strategy during the meeting. In brief they include:

1. A new master planning exercise for South Normanton and Pinxton (just commenced).
2. Drawing together various elements of regeneration based activity at Bolsover including LEADER funded town centre initiatives, creating a future for Bolsover Business Park and instigating housing based regeneration initiatives.
3. Creating detailed initiatives to bring to fruition the aspirations of the Shirebrook master plan.
4. Unifying business support across the District and sub region.
5. Raising skill levels and creating clear job opportunities through partnership working.
6. Endorsing and delivering a business centric approach across the Council including opening clear dialogue with our biggest employers and businesses.

At the same time through the on going collaboration between the three 'Eastern Derbyshire' Councils of Chesterfield, North East Derbyshire and Bolsover a combined Economic Development strategy has been produced, which delivers various initiatives and outputs up to 2013. This has been

incorporated within the Bolsover District Council document and recognises the current successful partnership work over a number of areas including tourism, business innovation and support and the work of the Sheffield City Region. Endorsement for this strategy by North East Derbyshire District Council and Chesterfield Borough Council has already taken place.

On going liaison and modification to the Bolsover District strategy is already taking place with the LSP and wider community but the aspirations, vision and building blocks for the future are already taking shape.

ISSUES/OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

The approval of the Strategies for sending to Scrutiny Committee in accordance with the Budget and Policy Framework in the Constitution.

IMPLICATIONS

Financial: Any proposals are within existing budgets or will look to other forms of funding (including national and regional sources) for support before moving forward.

Legal: Any formal legal agreements required will be considered individually as projects and schemes move forward.

Human Resources: None.

RECOMMENDATION(S) that;

- 1) Members endorse both strategies, with the Head of Regeneration to be given delegated authority to make any minor amendments,**
- 2) Both Regeneration Strategies be submitted to Scrutiny Committee as the Executive's proposals.**

REASON FOR DECISION TO BE GIVEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONSTITUTION

Forms the basis and foundation for all Council Regeneration activities.

ATTACHMENTS:

Bolsover District Council Regeneration Strategy
Investment in People and Place 2008 – 2020, short Executive Summary and Action Plan; Economic Development Strategy for Bolsover, Chesterfield and North East Derbyshire (2008-2013) – to follow.

FILE REFERENCE: None

SOURCE DOCUMENTS:

Numerous including: A Flourishing Region – Regional Economic Strategy 2006-2020 *emda*; Priorities for the Sheffield City Region in the Knowledge Economy; Anti Poverty Review by PPMG 4 March. 2008 final report; North Eastern Derbyshire Economic Development Strategy etc. A full version of the Bolsover Strategy is available in the Members room or from the Head of Regeneration direct.