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Minutes of a meeting of the Executive of the Bolsover District Council held in the Council Chamber, The Arc, Clowne, on Monday 24th April 2017 at 1000 hours.

PRESENT:-

Members:- Councillors T.J. Connerton, S.W. Fritchley, B.R. Murray-Carr, K. Reid and J.R. Ritchie.

Officers:- D. Swaine (Chief Executive Officer), S.E.A. Sternberg (Solicitor to the Council), B. Mason (Executive Director – Operations), P. Hackett (Executive Director – Transformation), A. Westray-Chapman (Assistant Director – Economic Growth), G. Galloway (Assistant Director – Property and Estates) and A. Bluff (Governance Officer).

Also in attendance in the public gallery were Councillors D. McGregor and T. Munro.

Councillor A.M. Syrett in the Chair

0818. APOLOGY

An apology for absence was received on behalf of Councillor M.J. Dooley.

0819. URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS

There were no urgent items of business to consider.

0820. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

0821. MINUTES – 27TH MARCH 2017

Moved by Councillor K. Reid and seconded by Councillor T.J. Connerton
RESOLVED that the Minutes of an Executive meeting held on 27th March 2017, be approved as a correct record.

0822. ITEMS RECOMMENDED BY SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

There were no items recommended by Scrutiny Committees to consider.

0823. POLICY AND BUDGET FRAMEWORK ITEMS

There were no policy and budget framework items to consider.

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0824. NON KEY DECISION UPDATE ON EFFICIENCY PLAN

Executive considered a report in relation to the Council's Efficiency Plan which had been agreed by Executive at its meeting on 3rd October 2016.

In light of revised budgets and financial forecasts provided in the Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) and approved by the Council in February 2017, the Council's Efficiency Plan now required updating.

The Efficiency Plan was concerned with identifying and delivering the financial savings that were required in order to balance the Council's budget over the period of the current MTFP, which ended in March 2021.

While some progress had been made in addressing the position set out within the MTFP, the Council was required to identify underlying savings in its net revenue expenditure, estimated to amount to £1.8m by March 2021.

The Efficiency Plan would be supported by a range of more detailed plans and programmes designed to deliver against the Growth and Transformation agendas. These more detailed packages of actual measures would be considered by Executive or Council as appropriate as part of the ongoing development and delivery of the transformation programme.

Moved by Councillor S.W. Fritchley and seconded by Councillor J. Ritchie
RESOLVED that Executive;

(i) note the report and agree that the updated Efficiency Plan (attached as Appendix 1 to the report), be published on the Council's website and,

(ii) a further update report concerning the detailed proposals underpinning the Efficiency Plan be brought back to a future meeting of Executive.

REASON FOR DECISION; The Efficiency Plan was a corporate document linked to the Medium Term Financial Plan. The Appendix to the report updated the current approved Efficiency Plan whilst providing a strategic framework against which to progress the Council's Growth and Transformation agenda.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED; None. The Council was required to publish an Efficiency Plan as it had accepted the Government's offer of greater certainty over the level of resources for the period to 2020/21.

(Executive Director – Operations)

0825. KEY DECISIONS BOLSOVER REGENERATION FRAMEWORK/HIGH STREETS

Executive considered a report in relation to the Council's Regeneration Framework which was adopted by Council at its meeting on 3rd January 2017.

The Regeneration Framework was a strategic plan, which identified a number of interventions required to transform the four main town centres in the District being Bolsover, Clowne, South Normanton and Shirebrook.

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Work on high streets had been prioritised along with the introduction of a Portfolio Holder for High Street Regeneration.

The report prioritised projects and set out the resources required to enable the work.

Many of the issues highlighted in the prioritised projects for each town related to highways improvements.

In order to progress matters, officers held a workshop with Derbyshire County Council staff to discuss the issues and identify key actions, which were summarised in the report for each town.

Outside teams were actively involved in looking at funding and a composite bid was being developed for submission to D2N2.

In response to a Member's question, the Assistant Director – Economic Growth advised the meeting that the Empty Properties Officer and the High Street Working Group were monitoring progress on empty properties which included follow up site visits.

Moved by Councillor A.M. Syrett and seconded by Councillor S.W. Fritchley
RESOLVED that Executive agrees to:

- (i) prioritise the projects below for each town as the focus for delivery;
 - 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; and
- (ii) prioritise the following cross cutting projects which operate across the District;
 - Shop front enhancements, piloting South Normanton area for a Town Team to support delivery and utilising the Controlling Migration Fund for Shirebrook,
 - Promotion of the Robin Hood line/ Gateway enhancements improving promotion and signage, financed from the transformation reserve and external funding wherever possible; and
- (iii) further reports being provided regarding the delivery of the agreed priorities when necessary.

REASON FOR DECISION; The Regeneration Framework was a strategic plan which identified a number of interventions required to transform the Council's town centres. The report prioritised projects and set out the resources required to enable this work.

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OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED; The Council could choose not to implement any of the projects within the Regeneration Framework but this would cause reputational damage as the purpose of the Regeneration Framework was to provide a plan for moving forward regeneration across the District.

(Assistant Director – Economic Growth)

0826. THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

Moved by Councillor J. Ritchie and seconded by Councillor B.R. Murray-Carr

RESOLVED that under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the stated Paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act and it is not in the public interest for that to be revealed.

0827. DEVELOPMENT OF ADDITIONAL CAR PARKING AT THE ARC EXEMPT PARAGRAPH 3

Executive considered a report, which sought approval to construct an overflow car park at the Arc, Clowne, to create increased parking capacity following the success of the enhanced leisure facility. The report also sought additional funding to allow the necessary works to be undertaken. A plan of the proposed car park was attached as an appendix to the report.

The report provided a further option to install a grasscrete type hard stand area at the rear of the building, (subject to planning approval and a case for additional need) to provide overflow parking at peak times.

RESOVLED that (1) the provision of additional car parking at the Arc be approved for inclusion within the Approved Capital Programme at an estimated cost as detailed in the report, with the scheme to be funded from Transformation Reserve,

(2) delegated powers be granted to the Assistant Director – Property and Estates in consultation with the Leader of the Council to enter into contractual arrangements for the extension of the car parking facilities at the Arc.

(Assistant Director – Property and Estates)

REASON FOR DECISION; The current car park was adequate for its original use and had coped well at peak times but since the introduction of new tenants and a new leisure facility there had been increased pressure on parking at peak times. Due to this, an additional 30 car parking spaces were required to ease the impact of parking pressures.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED; It would make it more difficult to accommodate staff, Members, public and tenant parking if additional spaces were not provided.

The meeting concluded at 1030 hours.