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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 1st April 2019 at 1000 hours.

PRESENT:-

Members:-

Councillor A.M. Syrett in the Chair

Councillors M.J. Dooley, S.W. Fritchley, H.J. Gilmour, D. McGregor, B.R. Murray-Carr, M.J. Ritchie and B. Watson.

Also present

Councillors C. Moesby, and S. Peake

Officers:-

D. Swaine (Chief Executive Officer), K. Hanson (Strategic Director – Place), L. Hickin (Strategic Director – People), T. Fletcher (Chief Accountant and S151 Officer), S.E.A. Sternberg (Head of Corporate Governance and Monitoring Officer), K. Apps (Acting Head of Economic Development), V. Dawson (Team Manager – Solicitor (Contentious)), J. Wilson (Scrutiny and Elections Officer) and D. Cairns (Senior Governance Officer).

0836. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

0837. URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS

There were no urgent items of business.

0838. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were requested to declare the existence and nature of any disclosable pecuniary interests and/or other interests, not already on their register of interests, in any item on the agenda and withdraw from the meeting at the appropriate time.

No declarations were made at the meeting.

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0839. MINUTES – 18th February 2019

It was noted that Joanne Wilson (Scrutiny and Elections Officer) was also in attendance at this meeting and should be added to the list of offices in the Minutes.

Moved by Councillor D. McGregor and seconded by Councillor S.W. Fritchley
RESOLVED that, subject to the amendment as noted above, the minutes of a meeting of the Executive held on 18th February 2019 be approved as a true and correct record.

0840. MINUTES – 4th March 2019

Moved by Councillor D. McGregor and seconded by Councillor M.J. Ritchie
RESOLVED that the minutes of a meeting of the Executive held on 4th March 2019 be approved as a true and correct record.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED BY SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

0841. REVIEW OF ENFORCEMENT ACTION UNDERTAKEN BY BOLSOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF THE ENVIRONMENT ACROSS THE DISTRICT – POST SCRUTINY MONITORING (INTERIM REPORT)

Councillor S. Peake, Chair of the Healthy, Safe, Clean and Green Communities Scrutiny Committee, presented the report of the Scrutiny Committee on the progress made against the recommendations from the 2017/18 Review of Enforcement action undertaken by Bolsover District Council to improve the quality of the environment across the District.

Executive has requested to be kept informed of the implementation of the recommendations and requested an update after six months.

The report outlined the achievements to date and ongoing action by Officers to further improve service delivery. These recommendations were being monitored via the PERFORM system.

To date 13 out of 19 recommendations had been achieved, 5 were on track and 1 had been extended but were still to be completed within the original twelve month monitoring period.

As part of the report from Officers, Scrutiny Members received a presentation from Environmental Enforcement Officers on current activity. Scrutiny Members requested that the presentation also be given to all Councillors following a Full Council meeting, to highlight the progress made by the service. This was to be programmed to take place in the new municipal year.

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Members were reassured by the progress made by Officers and welcome the ongoing close relationship with legal officers to ensure that every possible avenue would be explored when holding those committing environmental offences to account.

Moved by Councillor A.M. Syrett and seconded by Councillor H.J. Gilmour.

RESOLVED that progress against the review recommendations be noted.

REASON FOR DECISION: To receive an update to monitor the implementation of the of the Scrutiny Review recommendations.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED: There were no alternative options considered as this report was for information on progress only.

(Scrutiny and Elections Officer)

0842. POLICY AND BUDGET FRAMEWORK ITEMS

There were no policy and budget framework items.

NON KEY DECISIONS

0843. ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR POLICY

The Team Manager – Solicitor (Contentious) presented the report which informed Executive of a recent review of the Council’s Anti-Social Behaviour Policy and recommended a revised Policy for approval.

Members were advised that since the last review of the policy, the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 had been brought into force, which had introduced a simplification of the existing legal powers. The updated policy therefore took into account these legislative changes to reflect the new tools and powers open to the Council when tackling anti-social behaviour, as well as experience and knowledge from both within the Council, from outside the Council and recognised best practice.

Executive Members welcomed the review and supported the revised policy. A ‘One Council’ cross-departmental approach to tackling localised anti-social behaviour issues was discussed. The Joint Chief Executive Officer informed Executive that work to develop and improve this way of working was underway.

Moved by Councillor H.J. Gilmour and seconded by Councillor D. McGregor.

RESOLVED – Executive approved and adopted the updated Anti-Social Behaviour Policy.

REASON FOR DECISION: The review of the policy brought it up to date with legislation and best practice and ensured that the Council would be able to resist and respond to challenges in court.

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OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED: The option not to review the policy was rejected as this would have left the Council open to challenge.

(Team Manager – Solicitor (Contentious))

0844. TOURISM AND TOWN CENTRE OFFICER POST.

Executive considered the report of the Acting Head of Economic Development which recommended the creation of a Tourism and Town Centre Officer Post within the Economic Development Team.

It was recognised that Bolsover District had notable tourism sites of environmental, heritage and cultural significance that generated substantial visitor trips every year. It was considered that the economic impact from tourism was not being sufficiently maximised and that there were opportunities to improve the current offer and join up services to increase spending power of visitors to the District.

The creation of a Tourism and Town Centre Officer post was proposed to improve the 'One Council' approach to the tourism function and support the development of the District's Town Centres.

Moved by Councillor S.W. Fritchley and seconded by Councillor D. McGregor.

RESOLVED – That Executive:

- (1) Notes the report.
- (2) Requests that the Joint Chief Executive Officer exercises his delegated powers to add the post of Tourism and Town Centre Officer within the Economic Development Team to the Council's establishment for a fixed term of two years to be funded through the Transformation Reserve.

REASON FOR DECISION:

To enable the Council to develop and deliver its aspirations to enhance the tourism offer across the Bolsover District.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED: The option to do nothing was rejected as this would not have addressed the challenges or have maximised the opportunities for the District.

(Acting Head of Economic Development)

The meeting concluded at 10.25am.