

GROWTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the Growth Scrutiny Committee of the Bolsover District Council held in the Council Chamber, The Arc, Clowne on Wednesday 29th June 2016 at 1400 hours.

PRESENT:-

Members:-

Councillor S.W. Fritchley in the Chair

Councillors T. Alexander, A. Anderson (until Minute No. 135), P. Barnes, G. Buxton, B. Watson and J. Wilson

Officers:-

D. Swaine (Chief Executive Officer), G. Galloway (Assistant Director – Property and Estates), S. Chambers (Communications, Marketing and Design Manager), C. Millington (Scrutiny Officer) and A. Brownsword (Governance Officer)

128. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J.A. Clifton, M. Dixey and S. Statter

129. URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS

There were no urgent items of business.

130. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

131. MINUTES – 25TH MAY 2016

Moved by Councillor B. Watson and seconded by Councillor T. Alexander

RESOLVED that the minutes of a meeting of the Growth Scrutiny Committee held on 25th May 2016 be approved as a true and correct record.

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132. LIST OF KEY DECISIONS AND ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN PRIVATE

Members considered the List of Key Decisions and Items to be Considered in Private document.

Moved by Councillor S.W . Fritchley and seconded by Councillor J. Wilson
RESOLVED that the List of Key Decisions and Items to be Considered in Private document be noted.

133. GROWTH UPDATE – QUARTERLY UPDATE ON GROWTH PROJECTS FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

1. Joint Venture

The Assistant Director – Property and Estates noted that the Joint Venture was on target for a September launch and draft legal agreements were currently being formulated.

2. Broadband in Shirebrook

It was noted that BT OpenReach were currently undertaking a survey of the potential cabinet upgrade for superfast broadband. Through their Community Fibreship Service they could fund 50% of the cabinet upgrade / installation costs. The Council was currently exploring sources of the other 50%, including whether there would be a possibility that Digital Derbyshire could fund the rest. The Chief Executive Officer noted that a map of the latest coverage could be provided and an update from Digital Derbyshire was requested.

3. Coalite

The Chief Executive Officer informed the Committee that the Coalite site was now top of the list for Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire LEP Projects, however this did not mean that funding was a certainty. As part of assessing the business case, the LEP required written confirmation of the assurance of support from Derbyshire County Council. The results of the referendum could have an adverse effect on funding to LEP's. It was anticipated a decision on the funding would be made in late Summer.

4. Empty Property Strategy

It was noted that the post of Empty Property Officer was not currently filled and a new Empty Property Strategy was now in place. Once the new Housing Strategy

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Manager was in post, a presentation could be given to the Growth Scrutiny Committee about their proposals for the service and delivery of the Strategy.

5. Shirebrook Tesco Site

The Chair noted that the site had now been sold to Lidl and public consultation had been carried out. A 15,000sq foot store was to be built.

The Chief Executive Officer noted that the construction of a new store presented an opportunity for Shirebrook and the Regeneration Frameworks may need further discussion.

Moved by Councillor S.W. Fritchley and seconded by Councillor J. Wilson
RESOLVED that the report be noted.

134. GROWTH PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

The Chief Executive Officer presented the report which included a new set of Performance Indicators (PI) for Growth and asked for feedback on the new PI's and the format of the report.

Members felt that the report was a valuable tool and a question was asked why some figures were in Pounds and others were in Euros. The Chief Executive Officer explained that this was because LEADER Funding was in Euros.

The Scrutiny Officer noted that the PI's would be added to the Quarterly Performance Report and requested that the Assistant Director for Customer Service & Improvement attend a future meeting to provide an update and an explanation of the formulas to calculate the PI's.

Moved by Councillor S.W. Fritchley and seconded by Councillor J. Wilson
RESOLVED that the new Growth Performance Indicators be approved and monitored on a quarterly basis.

(Scrutiny Officer)

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135. SCRUTINY REVIEW – CREATION OF A DEVELOPMENT PROSPECTUS SCOPE

The Communications, Marketing and Design Manager gave a presentation which demonstrated the new website which had been designed to attract inward investment. It was simple to use and based on websites used by other Councils. It would have an interactive map. The website would be launched in September.

The Chair noted the need to promote the area and explained that Shirebrook Town Council were filming a promotional video. The Chief Executive Officer noted that Derek Mapp was also happy to film a short video for the website.

A discussion took place regarding the large businesses currently established within the District and the need to promote the area to other businesses. The need to attract good, skilled contractual jobs into the area was also discussed.

The Scrutiny Officer asked whether the website was to be used as the Development Prospectus and it was felt that more needed to be done to attract business to the area.

Moved by Councillor S.W. Fritchley and seconded by Councillor J. Wilson
RESOLVED that the Creation of a Development Prospectus Scope be approved.

(Scrutiny Officer)

Councillor A. Anderson left the meeting.

136. GROWTH SCRUTINY WORK PLAN

The Growth Scrutiny Committee Work Plan was circulated for Members' information.

Moved by Councillor S.W. Fritchley and seconded by Councillor J. Wilson
RESOLVED that the report be noted.

The meeting concluded at 1520 hours.