

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 18th January 2017 at 1000 hours.

PRESENT:-

Members: - Councillors T. Alexander, A. Anderson, G. Buxton, J. Clifton, M. Dixey and B. Watson.

Officers:- C. Millington (Scrutiny Officer), P. McGrath (Senior Economic Development Officer) (for Minute No. 0604 only) and A. Bluff (Governance Officer).

Also in attendance at the meeting was Mathew Scarborough, Programme Manager, (DCC), One Public Estate.

Councillor J. Wilson in the Chair

0598. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillor S. Statter and the Chief Executive Officer.

0599. URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS

There were no urgent items of business to consider.

0600. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

0601. MINUTES – 14TH DECEMBER 2016

Moved by Councillor B. Watson and seconded by Councillor A. Anderson
RESOLVED that the Minutes of a Growth Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 14th December 2016 be approved as a correct record.

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0602. LIST OF KEY DECISIONS AND ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN PRIVATE

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

Moved by Councillor M. Dixey and seconded by Councillor A. Anderson

RESOLVED that the List of Key Decisions and Items to be considered in Private document be noted.

0603. ONE PUBLIC ESTATE – PRESENTATION BY MATTHEW SCARBOROUGH, PROGRAMME MANAGER, ONE PUBLIC ESTATE

Matthew Scarborough, Programme Manager, One Public Estate, attended the meeting and gave a presentation to Members on the 'One Public Estate' Programme, (OPE), which was an initiative delivered in partnership by the Cabinet Office and the Local Government Association (LGA).

Derbyshire County Council's, (DCC), Innovation and Transformation Service, was the lead authority in the development of a North Midlands, One Public Estate Programme across Derbyshire & Derby City and Nottinghamshire and Nottingham City.

OPE brought together a wide range of public bodies such as councils, NHS, 'blue-light' services, DWP Job Centre Plus etc, on land and property initiatives in order to stimulate economic growth and regeneration, e.g., housing and jobs, deliver savings and improve customer services. Matthew's role of Programme Manager was to lead and develop the programme across the region, working closely with the key public sector partners.

Thematic Projects were;

- Locality Reviews (*Bolsover's CEO had requested a locality review for Shirebrook*)
- Operational Reviews
- Principles of Engagement
- Co-location of Services (e.g. look at DCC's Depots in relation to Highways and how these can be used as a joint service)
- Property rationalisation
- Town Centre Reviews
- Integration with Higher and Further Education

Specific Projects were;

- Chesterfield Locality Review
- Amber Valley Locality Review
- Clay Cross Town Centre
- Buxton Locality Review
- **Shirebrook Locality Review**

Main Drivers were;

- Service Plans,
- Sustainable Transformation Plans (STPs) NHS

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- Health and Wellbeing
- Social Care
- Budgets
- Opportunities

Nottinghamshire County Council and Nottingham City Council were already working in partnership on asset management and were holding workshops across the County with the district and borough councils to identify and develop joint asset related projects.

One current success for Nottingham was a joint service centre in Bulwell, which had been funded by way of capital investment from the closure of other buildings. The Centre included, amongst others, NHS services, welfare rights, library, youth services, play centre, social care teams, housing and rent advice and anti-social behaviour enquiries/complaints. The Centre was also accessible to the physically impaired.

Members raised various questions with regard to the Programme and also concern that as the NHS and Education services were chronically underfunded and these were two of the main drivers in the Programme, this left little capacity for transformation. It was also noted that there was no Member involvement in the programme.

Members thanked Matthew for attending the meeting and providing the presentation.

Matthew Scarborough left the meeting.

The Senior Economic Development Officer attended the meeting for the following item of business.

0604. GROWTH UPDATE

The Senior Economic Development Officer provided an update to the meeting on the significant progress made with the clear up of the former Coalite site.

The Environmental Health Team and Environment Agency were working closely with Regulators with regard to managing risks on the site.

An agreed procedure was in place where the site operator and the Regulator would share any complaints with regard to odour from the site and this would be via a telephone service - the Assistant Director Economic Growth would circulate the telephone numbers as soon as possible.

Communications - A community liaison group, which included some Councillors, had been re-established and two meetings had been held to date. A newsletter had been prepared by Coalite and the former Coalite website would be relaunched.

A site visit had been carried out recently by the Officer Group and a first meeting of the Project Control Board, which would also include a site visit, would be held in early February.

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In response to Members questions, the meeting was advised that security of the site was the responsibility of the site operator, however, the Senior Economic Development Officer would make enquiries as to the arrangements for out of hour's security and provide the information to Members. He added that the Officer Group role would be to ensure the site was delivered as per the granted planning permission and the funding.

Members thanked the Senior Economic Development Officer for an informative update and welcomed the relaunch of the Coalite website.

The Senior Economic Development Officer left the meeting.

The Scrutiny Officer provided the meeting with an update on Growth on behalf of the Chief Executive Officer.

Sherwood Lodge – a key officer group had been devised which included Environmental Health, Community Safety, Legal, police and the local Fire Service, to monitor the site which belonged to Morrison's. The Chief Executive Officer was also in the process of writing to Morrison's regarding issues at the site. It was confirmed that the car park had been blocked off with large concrete blocks.

Devolution – Sheffield City Region Combined Authority Mayoral elections would now be held in May 2018 to give time for further consultation after local elections in May 2017.

Doncaster and Barnsley Councils were in dialogue with West Yorkshire Combined Authority looking at options for a Yorkshire Mayor.

Recruitment – the Chief Executive Officer would undertake a wider management review which would look at the existing structure. Further details would be provided to the respective Cabinet/Executive and Strategic Alliance Joint Committee in due course.

Members commented that it was important that a Director of Growth was in place.

The Council's Website (Growth) – no definite date had been made for the launch of the new website as this was awaiting Planning mapping data to be available in a suitable format which would then require inputting.

Members requested their concerns regarding the delay be communicated to the Chief Executive Officer and that the Committee would also like to see the new website before it went live.

Joint Venture – there had been no change since a report was presented to Council on 5th January 2017.

Moved by Councillor M. Dixey and seconded by Councillor A. Anderson
RESOLVED that the update be noted.

0605. GROWTH SCRUTINY WORK PLAN 2016/17

Committee considered their Work Plan for 2016/17.

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Further to Members concerns with regard to the business leaflets and publicity, the Economic Development & Investment Manager would attend the Growth Scrutiny Committee in February to provide Members with a briefing on marketing and how the Authority attracted businesses.

Moved by Councillor A. Anderson and seconded by Councillor J. Wilson
RESOLVED that the Work Plan be updated.

The meeting concluded at 1100 hours.