

## **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 17<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at 1000 hours.

### **PRESENT:-**

Members:- Councillors T. Alexander, G. Buxton, J. Clifton, S. Statter and B. Watson.

Officers:- K. Drury (Information Engagement & Performance Manager), C. Millington (Scrutiny Officer) and A. Bluff (Governance Officer).

Also in attendance at the meeting were Councillors M.J. Dooley and S.W. Fritchley.

Councillor J. Wilson in the Chair

### **0886. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors A. Anderson, P. Barnes, M. Dixey and A.M. Syrett.

### **0887. URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

There were no urgent items of business to consider.

### **0888. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest made.

### **0889. MINUTES – 26<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2017**

Moved by Councillor B. Watson and seconded by Councillor S. Statter

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of a Growth Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2017 be approved as a correct record.

### **0890. QUARTERLY CORPORATE PLAN TARGET PERFORMANCE UPDATE; QUARTER 4 – JANUARY TO MARCH 2017**

Committee considered a report which provided quarter four outturns (January to March 2017) for the Corporate Plan 2015-2019 targets.

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### **G 01 - Through the use of Key Account Management develop a relationship with a minimum of 50 local businesses by March 2019.**

This target was reported as being on track.

65 Businesses engaged to date. The service had worked to support potential growth businesses including the Hilcote Country Club, Blackwell, HW Martin, Veritas Management, Bladon Box, SOS Waypoint, Ansini, Napit Training, Windsor Chairs, Greewood, Meedon Mouldings, Bodytec, Sunbed and Leisure Systems, KFT Fire Systems, Spafix and QC Electrical. Target achieved.

### **G 03 - Optimise business growth (as measured by gross NNDR) by £2.5m by March 2019**

This target was reported as being on track.

The actual NNDR income figure at 31/3/17 was £26,270,072 per NNDR3 form submitted.

(Baseline: £23,476,638 Gross NNDR for 2014/15).

### **G 05 - Through the Bolsover North East Derbyshire LEADER Approach collectively support the creation of 65 sustainable jobs in the combined programme area by December 2020.**

This target was reported as being on track.

There were currently 8 live Outline Applications in the process, 1 from the BDC area. A further bid from the BDC area was currently being appraised. 3 projects totalling £108,606.08 had been approved to date in NED. The Chancellor's Autumn Statement (23/11/2016) confirmed that Brexit would have no immediate impact on the LEADER programme, removing the imposed hiatus in publicity and contracting. Defra advised on 29/03/17 that local programmes "will be able to enter into funding commitments up to the point that the UK leaves the EU, and that these commitments will be honoured by the UK Government." Significant marketing commenced in early 2017 and included Flyers circulated with 2017/18 Business Rates letters, a two week radio campaign on Peak FM and promotion on Elastic FM, offers to attend parish/town council meetings, a programme of visits to 22 business/industrial centres across both districts (already visiting Barlborough, Clowne, Creswell, Holmewood and Pleasley) and promotion in LEADER and partner publications and websites.

### **G 06 - Undertake statutory public consultation on the Local Plan (Strategic Policies and Site Allocations) in line with the adopted Local Development Scheme timetable by July 2017.**

This target was reported as being on track.

April 2017; Work was ongoing to supplement the evidence base and inform the Publication Version of the Local Plan.

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### **G 07 - Submit Local Plan (Strategic Policies and Site Allocations) for examination by the Planning Inspectorate by November 2017.**

This target was reported as being on track.

Work was ongoing to supplement the evidence base and inform the Publication Version of the Local Plan.

### **G 08 - Process all major planning applications 10% better than the minimum for special measures per annum.**

This target was reported as being on track.

100% of all major applications (16 out of 16) determined within the deadline or agreed extension time. 24 out of 27 applications for major development determined within the 13 week deadline or agreed extension time. 2016/17 = 88.8% achieved.

(Target 2016/17: 60%, National Target 50%).

### **G 09 - Deliver a minimum of 100 new Council properties by March 2019.**

This target was reported as being on track.

Fir Close, Shirebrook (8 units) work started. Derwent Drive, Tibshelf (7 units) and Hilltop Avenue, Shirebrook (37 units) work to commence this financial year. Future sites were being considered.

Blackwell Hotel site (6 units) due for completion April 2017. Rogers Avenue, Creswell (7 units) completed previously.

### **G 10 - Enable the development of at least 1,000 new residential properties within the District by March 2019.**

This target was reported as being on track.

Monitoring was carried out annually at the end of the financial year, so figures should be available for the next quarterly update at the end of June 2017. A number of large sites were making progress and the 'clean up' of the Coalite site had begun.

### **G 11 - Through a programme of targeted refurbishment bring 15 empty private sector properties back into use per annum.**

This target was flagged with an alert.

3x2 Bed Houses were currently being converted in to 6x1bed flats, 2 would be handed over in April, 2 in May and 2 in June. Consideration was also being given to using another partner in addition to Action Housing to support this target. A baseline was being created

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for Empty Properties in Bolsover and an action plan would then be put in place to tackle these properties. 2016/17 Not achieved.

### **G 12 - Achieve an increase of £850,000 in additional New Homes Bonus from the government by March 2019.**

This target was reported as being on track.

£257,091 was the additional bonus being received in 2016/17. (For the Corporate Plan target period we had received £542,821 in additional bonuses).

### **G 13 - Work with partners to deliver an average of 20 units of affordable homes each year.**

This target was flagged with an alert.

No affordable units had been completed this quarter. The site in Blackwell under the B@home scheme was now expected to be completed in April 2017 and would provide 6 units of affordable housing. A further 57 affordable housing units had received planning permission this year. With regard to private sites, the Interim Planning Policy, which waived the affordable housing requirement in return for an early start on site, had an effect on the number of affordable housing units coming through s106 sites. This had now been discontinued so it may lead to more s106 affordable units coming through on viable sites in the future.

2016/17 – 7 units completed (Rogers Avenue, Creswell) - Not achieved

Committee thanked the Information Engagement & Performance Manager for the report.

Moved by Councillor J. Wilson and seconded by Councillor S. Statter  
**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

## **0891. GROWTH PERFORMANCE INDICATORS**

Committee considered a report which provided a summary of progress (October to March 2017) against the Council's three strategic priorities for Growth in the District.

A discussion took place with regard to New Homes Bonus and changes to the business rating system which would have an impact on the Council.

With regard to Pleasley Vale Mills, Members felt that the Council needed a short, medium and long term approach to the future of the site and also an investment schedule for the site. The Chair noted that the Committee had previously carried out a review of Pleasley Vale Mills, which was an asset for the Council but also required a large financial commitment.

The Chair thanked the Information Engagement & Performance Manager for attending the meeting.

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Councillors Dooley and Fritchley and the Information Engagement & Performance Manager left the meeting.

The Chair thanked Councillor Brian Watson for being her vice Chair for the previous few months and wished him well for the future as a Cabinet Member on the Executive.

The meeting concluded at 1030 hours.