

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 14th June 2017 at 1000 hours.

PRESENT:-

Members:- Councillors T. Alexander, A. Anderson, J. Clifton, T. Connerton and P. Smith.

Officers:- C. Millington (Scrutiny Officer) and A. Bluff (Governance Officer).

Councillor J. Wilson in the Chair

0050. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor P. Barnes and G. Buxton.

0051. URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS

There were no urgent items of business to consider.

0052. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

0053. MINUTES – 17TH MAY 2017

Moved by Councillor T. Alexander and seconded by Councillor J. Clifton

RESOLVED that the Minutes of a Growth Scrutiny Committee held on 17th May 2017 be approved as a correct record.

0054. LIST OF KEY DECISIONS AND ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN PRIVATE

Members considered the current List of Key Decisions and items to be considered in private document.

Members felt that for some issues, there wasn't enough information in the first column in respect of which a decision would be taken and further detail was needed, which would provide a better understanding of the items included on the list.

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Moved by Councillor P. Smith and seconded by Councillor J. Wilson

RESOLVED that the List of Key Decisions and items to be considered in private be noted.

0055. SETTING THE SCRUTINY WORK PLAN

Committee considered their Work Plan for the forthcoming year.

At the Scrutiny Conference held in May, Members had agreed three priorities for the Committee's Work Plan, these were; Commercialism, Identifying sites for Growth and Tourism for Growth.

Members agreed that Commercialism should be the Committee's first priority.

It was suggested that the Chief Executive Officer be invited to a future meeting to provide Members with an overview on how the Authority was bringing in income to the Council in light of the loss of Revenue Support Grant from the Government. Information on how other local authorities were raising income should also be sought.

A Member noted that the new Local Plan could identify sites for Growth.

Another Member noted that information regarding occupancy of the Council's industrial sites was scarce and it would be interesting to see what the occupancy rates were and also the reasons why a business would turn down a potential site.

Members noted that the Council's new website required scrutiny to see if it were fit for purpose and also the number of 'hits' it received.

Members commented on the need to consider the four main town centres and the Scrutiny Officer noted that the Assistant Director – Economic Development had previously attended the Committee's meetings to update Members on the progress of the Council's Regeneration Frameworks. An update on progress against the action plans would be included in the next quarterly Growth update.

The meeting concluded at 1035 hours.