

## **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 20<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at 1000 hours.

### **PRESENT:-**

Members:-

Councillor J. Wilson in the Chair

Councillors G. Buxton, J.A. Clifton, T. Connerton, P. Smith and S. Statter

Officers:-

J. Arnold (Assistant Director – Planning and Environmental Health), A. Wylie (Team Leader (Contentious) Solicitor and A. Brownsword (Senior Governance Officer)

### **0238. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A. Anderson and M. Dixey.

### **0239. URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

There were no urgent items of business.

### **0240. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **0241. MINUTES – 26<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2017**

Moved by Councillor P. Smith and seconded by Councillor S. Statter

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Growth Scrutiny Committee held on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2017 be approved as a true and correct record.

### **0242. LIST OF KEY DECISIONS AND ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN PRIVATE**

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

**RESOLVED** that the List of Key Decisions and Items to be Considered in Private be noted.

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### 0243. UPDATE ON BDC WEBSITE

The Assistant Director – Planning and Environmental Health informed the meeting that the delay in the Local Plan consultation had no impact on the launch of the website.

The Senior Governance Officer clarified that Growth Scrutiny Committee had been informed that data was awaited from the Planning Department which was causing a delay in the launch of the new Business Growth Website. The Assistant Director – Planning and Environmental Health noted that the issue would be investigated.

Members expressed their disappointment that there was no one from the relevant department to give up to date information on the delayed launch and a discussion took place.

Moved by Councillor P. Smith and seconded by Councillor T. Connerton

**RESOLVED** that the Portfolio Holder – Efficiency and Business Development and the appropriate officer be requested to provide an update on the progress of the Business Growth Website to the Chair and Vice Chair of the Growth Scrutiny Committee as soon as possible and attend the next meeting of the Growth Scrutiny to provide an update to Members.

(Senior Governance Officer/Acting Scrutiny Officer)

### 0244. UPDATE ON LOCAL PLAN

The Assistant Director – Planning and Environmental Health informed Members that the Local Plan Timetable set in 2014 had performed well and the Council had hit every deadline. The next version of the Local Plan was the consultation draft which would then be submitted for inspection.

The publication of the Government White Paper on Housing had caused some delays whilst the calculation of housing numbers was awaited. However, the calculations aligned with the work done by the department and the Local Plan could now be presented to the Local Plan Steering Group, prior to Planning Committee for approval. It was hoped to submit to the Planning Inspector in the New Year.

A discussion took place regarding the amount of development proposed in the Clowne area and Members expressed their concerns that the infrastructure would be able to cope. The Assistant Director – Planning and Environmental Health explained that the Local Plan was focussed on getting the infrastructure right.

**RESOLVED** that the update be noted.

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### 0245. INCOME GENERATION REVIEW

The scope for the Review on Income Generation was submitted for approval by the Committee.

A discussion took place regarding whether the current Corporate Plan Targets were too vague and the Senior Governance Officer noted that the targets could be looked at as part of the review.

Moved by Councillor P. Smith and seconded S. Statter

**RESOLVED** that the scope for the Review on Income Generation be approved.

### 0246. WORK PLAN 2017/18

The Growth Scrutiny Work Plan 2017/18 was submitted for Members information.

Members suggested that the Chief Executive Officer be asked if he could attend the meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> April to deliver the Quarterly Growth Update.

A discussion took place regarding promotion of tourism within the District and it was felt that clarification was needed on what the Council currently did to promote the area.

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

**RESOLVED** that (1) the Chief Executive Officer be asked to attend the Growth Scrutiny Committee on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2018 to give the Quarterly Growth Update,

(2) Clarification be given on what the Council currently did to promote tourism in the area.

(Senior Governance Officer/Acting Scrutiny Officer)

The meeting concluded at 1130 hours.