

Bolsover District Council - Growth Summary 2018/19 – half year update

Unlocking Our Growth Potential

In 2014 the Council committed to a strategy to focus on unlocking the potential to deliver growth for the district. Through the Growth Strategy and the Corporate Plan 2015-2019 the Council set out its ambition to create a sustainable high performing economy. The Council established three strategic priorities to unlock our growth potential. A summary of the progress against these priorities for 2018/19 (April to September 2018) is as follows:

1. Supporting Enterprise: maintaining and growing the business base

- Through the Bolsover Business Growth Fund and the newly launched Shirebrook Shopfronts Grant scheme, the Economic Development team have been contacted by a wide range of businesses, enabling the development of on-going relationships.
- Further development of the Invest Bolsover website has been proposed with ICT, ensuring the site remains relevant and up to date. The format of the E-bulletin going forward is also being reviewed, with a view to directing more traffic to the Invest Bolsover website.
- There has been a review of the Bolsover Business Growth Fund to assess the number of applications received, and ensure that the fund allocation was not exceeded. This has now been completed and the fund re-opened to applications for the remaining allocation (circa £26k). 8 interested businesses have been contacted, as well as two new enquirers.
- Work continues on the Regeneration Framework Action Plans and bids have been submitted to the Business Rates Pilot scheme. The bids are currently being assessed by DCC and Regeneris (Regeneration Consultancy), and decisions are awaited in due course.
- **BNED LEADER Approach:** The team have assessed 8 LEADER Programme funding applications (RM Wright Ltd, Locko Lane Caravan Site, Ottewells (all BDC) and GE Wilmott and Son, J and SR Thompson, Sitwell Arms, D C Burton & Son and Woodthorpe Grange Dairy (all NEDDC)), and an officer regularly attends the LAG meetings, of which 5 have been held to endorse applications. As the programme has achieved its budgetary target, there remain a number of applications to appraise before November 2018. The current programme total (subject to exchange rate) is £1,123,728. 21 projects are now contracted for £734,692.75 grant, £ 1,202,041.84 match funding and to create 55.29FTE jobs.
- Responded to 69 business enquiries - for the corporate plan period to date the Economic Development team has actively engaged with 134 businesses to support business growth.
- Attended 17 business and investment meetings with partner organisations (including DIT Digital workshop and Access to Finance workshop) and issued 4 Business in Bolsover ebulletins, including topics such as Help to secure public sector contracts and Meet the Buyer event.
- Responded to 1 confidential general investment enquiry from Sheffield City Region (SCR).

2. Enabling Housing Growth: increasing the supply, quality and range of housing to meet the needs of a growing population and support economic growth

- Action Housing are progressing with the conversion of The Miners Welfare, Creswell, it is expected that this will be completed by December 2018 and will accommodate 11 apartments. This work has been recognised in a BBC documentary to showcase the work done by the Council and Action Housing.
- The Council has referred 3 empty properties to Adullam Housing who provide supported accommodation, these properties are in the process of being leased and it is expected that the leases will be signed before the end of 2018.
- Resolution to approve Clowne Garden Village - up to 1500 houses and 28ha employment land. Secretary of State has declined to call in so legal agreement now awaited.
- To issue a reserved matters approval to Keepmoat for 200 dwellings on Phase 2 of Brook Vale off Meadow Lane, Shirebrook.
- B@home – 33 properties now handed over (37 units) at Hilltop, Shirebrook. Sites at Fir Close, Shirebrook (8 units) and Derwent Drive, Tibshelf (12 units) now complete, with Rogers Avenue, Creswell (7 units) and Blackwell Hotel site (6 units) completed previously means that 66 properties have been completed. Another 21 units being progressed across 8 sites.
- Developer Forum scheduled for 24 October 2018 at Bolsover Assembly Rooms.
- The Local Plan was submitted for examination at the end of August 2018.

3. Unlocking Development Potential: unlocking the capacity of major employment sites

- Council owned assets - Land offer for a plot of land on Oxcroft Lane has been verbally accepted by Old Bolsover Town Council, awaiting written confirmation before the Joint Venture can proceed with a planning application. Oxcroft Lane Depot Land offer due in October 2018 for consideration by Members.
- Dragonfly (JV) - Planning obtained on Park Lane Pinxton, construction contract signed with an anticipated start on site of January 2019.
- Re-development of Sherwood Lodge granted consent - approval for (c.4500m²) retail units and medium-sized food store.
- Promotion has begun in the redevelopment of the former Sherwood Lodge site, and enquiries have been forwarded to the developer for the speculative retail units on site. Development continues on Markham Vale, although the loss of Andrew Page has released a unit of 102k sq ft onto the market.
- The Project Control Board and the Project Operations Group continues to meet to drive the Coalite regeneration forward.
- Application for development on plots 6, 7 and 8 at Coalite expected later this year.

The following is a more detailed breakdown of some of the performance measures against our Growth priorities.

BDC Growth PI Summary (2018/19 – Half Year Position)

2017/18 Out-turn	Description	2018/19 Half year position	18/19 Target	Status
£490,191	Major Planning fees received	£305,251	£325,000	▲
£ 218,869	Minor Planning fees received	£91,984		
£709,060	Combined Minor and Major Planning fees	£397,235		
100% (32 out of 32)	Process all major planning applications 10% better than the national minimum (CP)	100% (16 out of 16)	60%	▲
97% (132 out of 136)	Determining "Minor" applications within target deadlines	97% (65 out of 66)	70%	▲
98.5% (197 out of 200)	Determining "Other" applications within target deadlines	98% (116 out of 117)	85%	▲
2109 (8 year's supply) 2016/17	Supply of available and deliverable housing sites at 1st April (5 year supply)	2076 (7.76 year's supply) 2017/18	-	
3.454 ha 2016/17	Area of new employment floor space built (hectares / square metres)	3.74ha (2017-18)	-	
252 2018/19 871 Cumulative	Enable the development of at least 1,000 new residential properties within the district by March 2019 (CP)	Available April 19	1000	▲
£191,202 17/18 £734,023	Achieve an increase of £850,000 in additional New Homes Bonus from the government by March 2019 (CP)	£256,857 18/19 £991,206	£850,000	▲
26 YTD (Cumulative 33)	Deliver 100 new Council properties by March 2019 (CP)	66	100	▲

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54	Work with partners to deliver an average of 20 units of affordable homes each year (CP)	20	20	▲
Awaiting confirmation	Introduce alternative uses to 20% of garage sites owned (total 152) by the Council by March 2019 (CP)	Awaiting confirmation	30 sites	
£136,800	Average house price (See graph)	Bolsover £145,109	-	▲
6 converted to 28 dwellings	Bring back into use 15 empty properties per year (CP)	5 converted to 15 dwellings	15	-
99.1%	% of business rates collected in year	100.3%	98.5%	▲
+£1,183,429 (£4,728,976 Cumulative)	Optimise business growth as measured by gross NNDR by £2.5 m by March 2019 (CP) (Baseline £54,800,120 - 2014/15) (Baseline £62,345,477 - 2017/18)	Available April 19	£2.5m	▲
40.4% (against a target of 65%)	Percentage of NNDR arrears collected	35%	65%	▲
£1,113,349 (+1.8%)	Change in rateable value of commercial property in the district	£1,252,111 (+2%)	-	-
£237,364 income generated	Level of income generated through letting property owned by the Council but not occupied by the Council, not including Housing, The Tangent and Pleasley Vale	£123,807	£241,747	▲
£9,132 Loss	Financial performance for the Tangent in line or exceeding budget forecast.	£2,933 profit	£19,984 profit	▼
£191,130 Profit	Financial performance of Pleasley Vale Mills in line or exceeding budget forecast.	£12,599 profit	£185,112 profit	▼
11	Number of Business Growth Fund grants awarded	21	10	▲
£89,894	Value of Business Growth Fund grants awarded	£173,718	£100,000	▲

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7	Number of BNED LEADER grants awarded (scheme total)	23	18	▲
£195,385	Value of BNED LEADER grants awarded	£734,692	£659,217	▲
12	Apprenticeships started	15 FTE	11 FTE	▲
121	50 businesses supported through Key Account Management by March 2019 (CP)	134	50	▲
1.1%	Percentage of district residents aged 18-24 claiming Job Seeker's Allowance – see graph	0.8%	-	-
0.8%	Percentage of Derbyshire residents aged 18-24 claiming Job Seeker's Allowance – see graph	0.6%	-	-
1.0%	Percentage of all district residents 16-64 claiming Job Seeker's Allowance – see graph	0.7%	-	-
New indicator	Out-Of-Work Benefits Claimant count Age range 16 – 64 See note	850 people 1.7 %Bolsover 1.8% East Mid 2.2% GB		

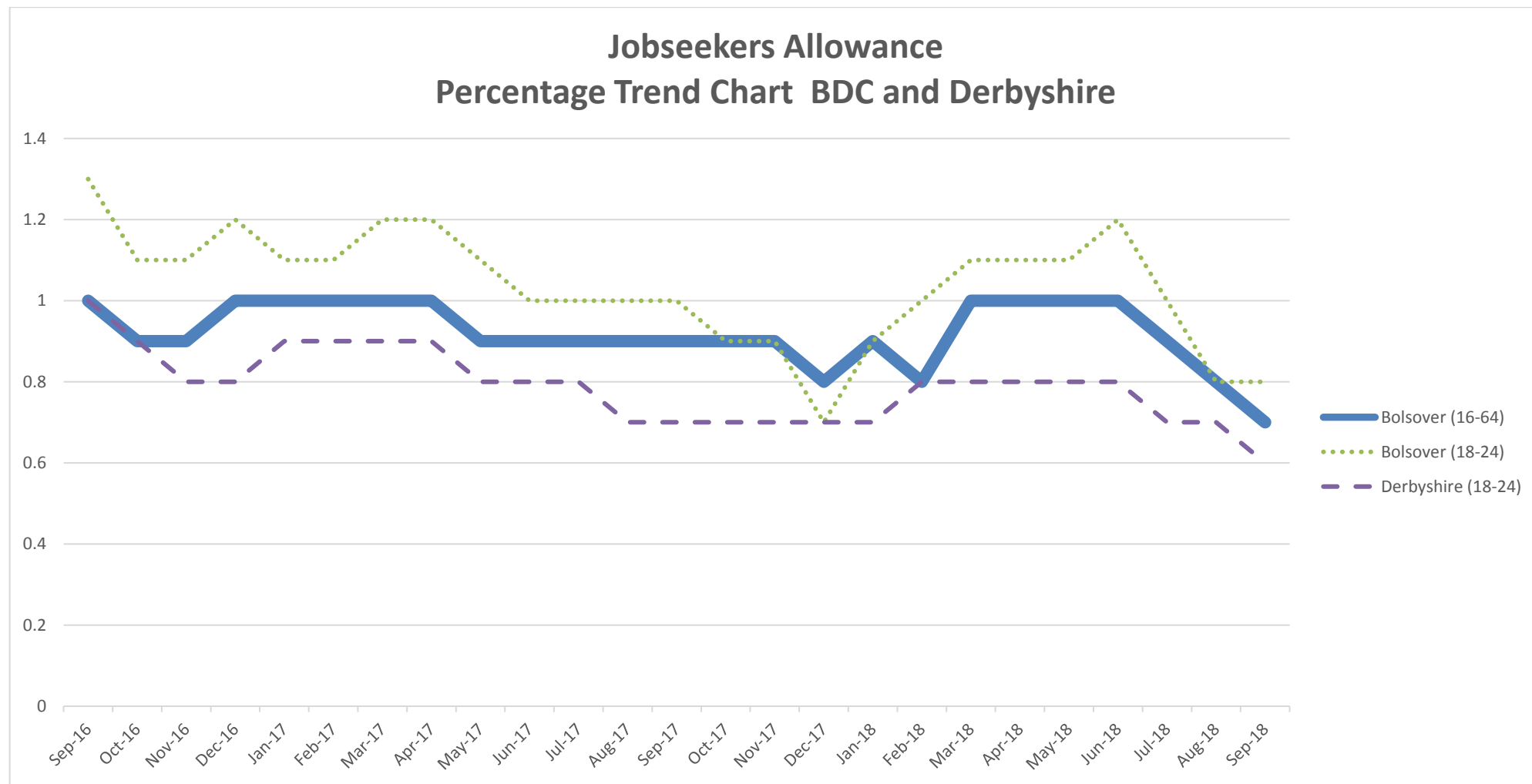
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Out-Of-Work Benefits Claimant count Age range 16 - 64	<p>The Claimant Count is the number of people claiming benefit principally for the reason of being unemployed. This is measured by combining the number of people claiming Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA) and National Insurance credits with the number of people receiving Universal Credit principally for the reason of being unemployed. Claimants declare that they are out of work, capable of, available for and actively seeking work during the week in which the claim is made.</p> <p>Under Universal Credit a broader span of claimants are required to look for work than under Jobseeker's Allowance. As Universal Credit Full Service is rolled out in particular areas, the number of people recorded as being on the Claimant Count is therefore likely to rise.</p>
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Exceptions

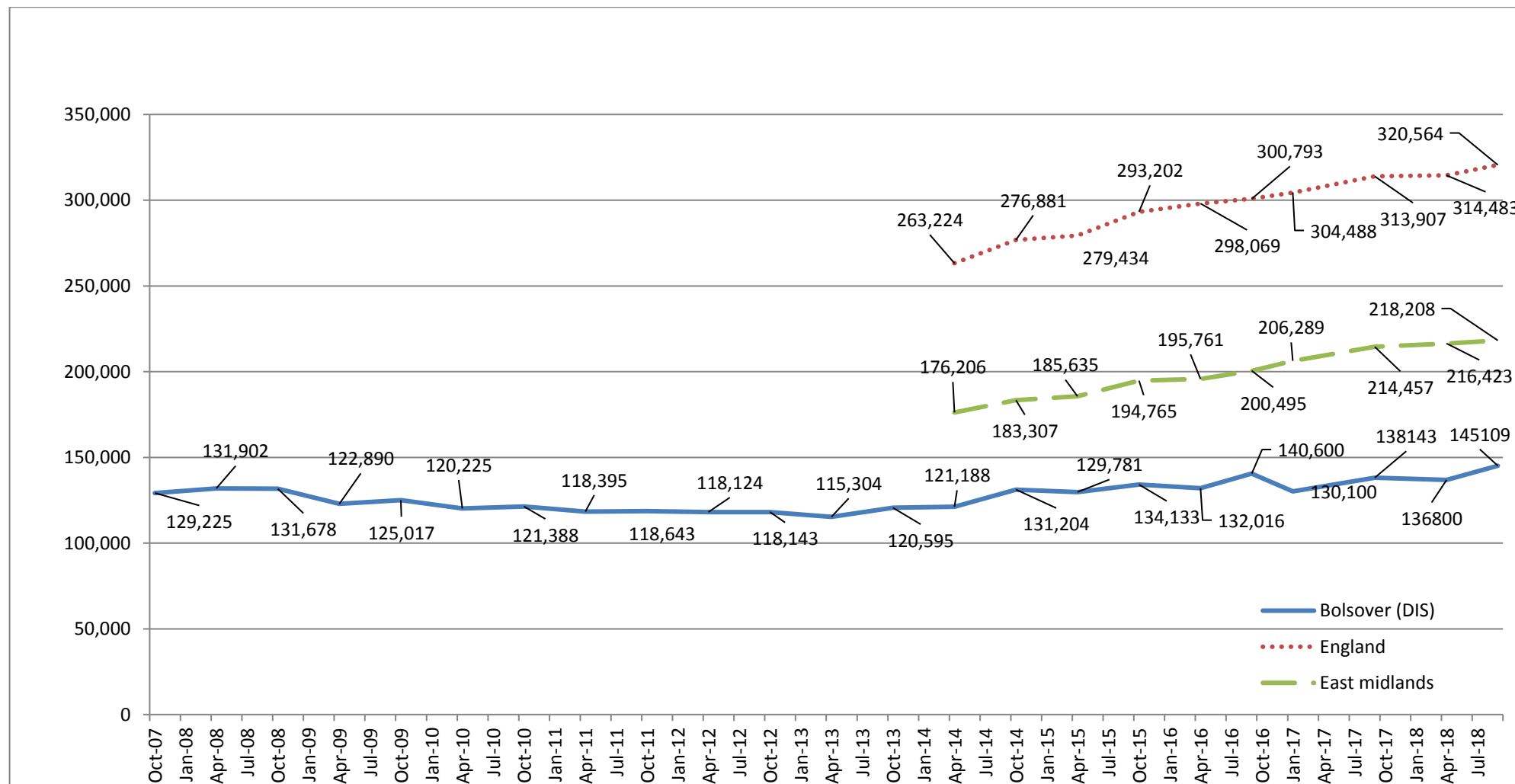
Financial performance of Pleasley Vale Mills in line or exceeding budget forecast.	Profit at 30/9/18 - significantly reduced compared to previous years due to hired and contracted services expenditure being more than 1/2 spent and income for electricity lower than 1/2 year - possibly due to timing of raising invoices.
Financial performance for the Tangent in line or exceeding budget forecast.	Profits are low due to timing. Expenditure will be committed on the Financial Management System for the full year but the income is only half a year.

Bolsover District Job Seeker's Allowance % Trend Chart*



*<https://www.nomisweb.co.uk/>

Bolsover, East Midlands and English average house prices (2013 up to Sept 2018)*



*Hometrack - Housing Intelligence System