

## **GROWTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

Minutes of a meeting of the Growth Scrutiny Committee of the Bolsover District Council held in Committee Room 2, The Arc, Clowne, on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2019 at 1000 hours.

### **PRESENT:-**

Members:-

Councillor J. Wilson in the Chair

Councillors T. Alexander, A. Anderson, P. Barnes, G. Buxton, T. Connerton, K. Reid and D.S. Watson.

Officers:- S.E.A. Sternberg (Joint Head of Corporate Governance), P. Brown (Chief Executive's & Partnership Manager) (to Minute No. 0620), J. Clayton (Partnership Performance and Sustainability Officer) (to Minute No. 0620) and A. Bluff (Governance Officer).

### **0614. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillor M. Dixey and J. Wilson (Scrutiny and Elections Officer).

### **0615. URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

There were no urgent items of business to consider.

### **0616. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest made.

### **0617. MINUTES – 28<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2018**

Moved by Councillor A. Anderson and seconded by Councillor G. Buxton.

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of a Growth Scrutiny Committee held on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2018 be approved as a correct record.

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### **0618. LIST OF KEY DECISIONS AND ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN PRIVATE**

A list of Key Decisions and items to be considered in private document dated 18<sup>th</sup> January 2019 was circulated at the Meeting. Members were advised that the document had been published after the agenda for this meeting had been posted out.

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

Moved by Councillor K. Reid and seconded by Councillor D. S. Watson  
**RESOLVED** that the List of Key Decisions and Items to be considered in private document be noted.

### **0619. UPDATE ON SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY 2006-2020 MONITORING REPORT 2012-2018**

The Chief Executive's & Partnership Manager and the Partnership Performance and Sustainability Officer provided Committee with a slide presentation on the Authority's Sustainable Communities Strategy 2006 to 2020 and what had been achieved so far.

Between 2006 and 2012 annual reviews were undertaken to monitor interventions and projects enabling priorities to be reassessed. A refreshed Strategy was developed for 2013 – 2020 to help strengthen the impact on local communities in the District.

During the period, the Partnership had also been able to access various funding sources to tackle high level priorities, including Neighbourhood Renewal Fund (NRF) and Working Neighbourhoods funding (WNF). These had been used as a catalyst to bring huge benefit to communities and make a real difference to the lives of local people. In addition, the funds had allowed to lever in other resources, such as European Funding for the District.

In 2012 it was found that since 2006 the gaps in deprivation had started to close and these continued to improve. There were changes in employment health, skills and training. Gaps in health inequality had also started to close. This meant the approaches the Partnership was taking was having an impact. In addition, in 2006 the District had been the 20<sup>th</sup> most deprived area in the country; currently it was 61<sup>st</sup>.

The slides provided a number of case studies including a trip organised in partnership with Hardwick Clinical Commissioning Group to deliver a life changing expedition to Namibia. 30 young people from secondary schools in the District, many who had never left the country, embarked on a 5,000 mile expedition. This was not a programme to overcome geographical challenges but personal ones. The journey was about growing young peoples' confidence, to learn, share, work as a team and take and share responsibility. The programme has since gone from strength to strength and Bolsover was showcased by a young man from one of the schools in the District, who took part in the programme, presenting his experience in London with Prince Andrew in attendance.

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Members asked various questions and a discussion took place regarding other projects, partners and funding.

The Chief Executive's & Partnership Manager referred to the strength of the Partnership, which was key, through the action groups where partners met regarding priorities and sustainability of projects when funding was no longer there.

Members congratulated the Chief Executive's & Partnership Manager and the Partnership Performance and Sustainability Officer on what had been achieved since 2006.

The Chief Executive's & Partnership Manager and the Partnership Performance and Sustainability Officer left the meeting.

### **0620. SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2018/19**

Committee considered the remainder their Work Programme for 2018/19.

Moved by Councillor J. Wilson and seconded by Councillor K. Reid  
**RESOLVED** that the Growth Scrutiny Work Programme 2018/19 be noted.

The formal meeting concluded at 1110 hours and Members then met as a working party to continue their review work. The working party concluded at 1115 hours.