

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 27th February 2019 at 1000 hours.

PRESENT:-

Members:-

Councillor J. Wilson in the Chair

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

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

0723. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors T. Alexander, M. Dixey and S. Statter.

0724. URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS

There were no urgent items of business to consider.

0725. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

0726. MINUTES – 23RD JANUARY 2019

Moved by Councillor K. Reid and seconded by Councillor A. Anderson

RESOLVED that the Minutes of a Growth Scrutiny Committee held on 23rd January 2019 be approved as a true record.

0727. LIST OF KEY DECISIONS AND ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN PRIVATE

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

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Moved by Councillor K. Reid and seconded by Councillor T. Connerton
RESOLVED that the List of Key Decisions and Items to be considered in private document be noted.

0728. CORPORATE PLAN TARGETS PERFORMANCE UPDATE – OCTOBER 2018 TO DECEMBER 2018 (QUARTER 3 – 2018/19)

Committee considered the Quarter 3 (October 2018 to December 2018) performance outturn for Corporate Plan targets, which sat under the 'unlocking our growth potential' corporate aim, as of 31st December 2018.

Out of the 14 targets, 8 were on track, 5 had been achieved previously, G02, G04, G06 G07 and G14 and 1 target was flagged as an 'alert', G11.

The Information, Engagement & Performance Manager advised the meeting that with regard to G11 - *Through a programme of targeted refurbishment, bring 15 empty private sector properties back into use per annum*, the target had been reduced to 10 empty private sector properties. To date 4 long term empty properties had been brought back in to use and although it was disappointing that the target of 15 would not be met by March 2019, the target had been a huge success in other ways as 14 units of accommodation had been created out of the 4. Further, a Landlord forum had been established and the Council was now holding quarterly events that would focus on different topics that affected Landlords. The most recent forum focused on Universal Credit. This was attended by 15 Landlords and was an opportunity for them to understand how Universal Credit affected them and also to help prevent homelessness and encourage tenancy sustainment in the Private Rented Sector.

With regard to target G05 – *Through the Bolsover North East Derbyshire LEADER Approach collectively support the creation of 65 sustainable jobs in the combined programme area by December 2020*, a Member queried how many of the 10 full applications, which were in the appraisal process were in the Bolsover District. The Information, Engagement & Performance Manager agreed to seek this information from the relevant officer and report back to Members.

With regard to G 13 – *Work with partners to deliver an average of 20 units of affordable homes each year*, a Member queried if these properties were bought by people who needed them rather than private landlords who purchased them and then rented them out. The Information, Engagement & Performance Manager advised the meeting that this target was about affordability of properties for sale and rent but the Council had no control over who rented or purchased properties that did not belong to the Council.

Moved by Councillor K. Reid and seconded by Councillor A. Anderson
RESOLVED that the report be noted.

The Information, Engagement & Performance Manager left the meeting.

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0729. SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2018/19

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

The Scrutiny and Elections Officer advised the meeting that she would be emailing a Scrutiny Work Programme Guide to Members which contained a form for Members to submit topic suggestions/ideas for review by the Committee for 2019/20.

Members were advised that the Scrutiny Conference would be held in June 2019.

Moved by Councillor K. Reid and seconded by Councillor A. Anderson
RESOLVED that the Work Programme be noted.

The meeting concluded at 1030 hours.