

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, 18 September 2019 at 10:00.

PRESENT:-

Members:-

Councillor Jen Wilson in the Chair

Councillors Tricia Clough, Derek Adams, David Dixon, Chris Kane, Tom Kirkham, Graham Parkin, Peter Roberts and James Watson.

Officers:- Joanne Wilson (Scrutiny and Elections Officer).

298 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors Jim Clifton and Tom Munro.

299 URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS

There were no urgent items of business to consider.

300 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

301 MINUTES

Moved by Councillor James Watson and seconded by Councillor David Dixon
RESOLVED that the Minutes of a Growth Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 7th August 2019.

302 LIST OF KEY DECISIONS AND ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN PRIVATE

Moved by Councillor Tricia Clough and seconded by Graham Parkin
RESOLVED that the List of Key Decisions and items to be considered in private be noted.

303 POST-SCRUTINY MONITORING: REVIEW OF INCOME GENERATION - INTERIM REPORT.

Growth Scrutiny Committee had agreed to undertake a Review of Income Generation as part of their 2017/18 work programme following consideration of a range of topics suggested at the Annual Scrutiny Conference.

Committee agreed the scope of the Review early in 2017/18 but made further

refinements in January 2018 which allowed Members to re-focus on assessing how the Council had generated income to date and identified new ways of increasing income to the Council. Committee agreed to continue the review into 2018/19 to ensure a full investigation was completed.

The aims of the review were;

- to consider what has already been done to generate income
- to consider what other authorities have done to generate income
- to make recommendations on ways for the authority to generate income

A number of areas of investigation had been incorporated into the Transformation Plan 2018 and Committee acknowledged that there was now a specific route for delivery of initiatives via the Transformation Governance Group. Committee had requested officers involved to look at the initiatives identified as a priority for further exploration over the twelve month monitoring period.

Committee had agreed 11 recommendations which would hopefully assist the Council in identifying new investments and mechanisms for income generation. Executive had approved the recommendations and the report acknowledged progress to date by officers implementing them.

To date 1 out of the 11 recommendations had been achieved. 7 had commenced and were on track to complete by their target dates. 3 had not yet commenced as they were dependent on the completion of other work. Details regarding progress and actions relating to the recommendations were included in an appendix to the report.

In response to a Member's query regarding replication of the Tangent 'model' at other sites within the District, the Scrutiny & Elections Officer noted that officers were currently looking at what types of businesses were developing in the District and what businesses were demanding, for example, core areas and size of business units etc. The Member suggested that Economic Development officers be invited to a future meeting of Committee to provide Members with information on what the Council's Industrial Strategy was for the District and also reports and/or a representative from the Local Enterprise Partnership and D2N2.

In response to a Member's query regarding Pleasley Vale Mills, the Scrutiny & Elections Officer noted that a funding bid application submitted a few years ago for the refurbishment of Pleasley Vale Mills into a tourist attraction to include overnight accommodation, had been unsuccessful. However, this was being looked at in detail again as there may be more scope for it to go forward due to a Countywide project linking into cycling trails etc.

In response to a Member's query, the Scrutiny & Elections Officer would enquire with officers as to the availability of overnight accommodation across the District. A Member referred to the proposal of a Service Pack which suggested selling services as part of the Transformation Programme and queried if there was a list of services that could be provided. The Scrutiny & Elections Officer replied that officers were currently looking at options across all departments, however, this would be dependent on capacity but suggestions had been Human Resources, Leisure and Legal Services, Grounds Maintenance and Housing Maintenance expertise etc.

Moved by Councillor Peter Roberts and seconded by Councillor Tricia Clough

RESOLVED that (1) the progress against the review recommendations be noted,

(2) the findings of the review be made public in accordance with Part 4.5.17(3) of the Council's Constitution,

(3) officers continue to implement the recommendations and submit a final report in six months' time highlighting any exceptions to delivery.

Councillor James Watson abstained from voting.

304 SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 2019/20

Committee considered their work programme 2019/20.

Moved by Councillor Tricia Clough and seconded by Councillor Chris Kane

RESOLVED that the Work Programme 2019/20 be noted.

Councillor James Watson abstained from voting.

As the meeting was moving into informal business, the Scrutiny & Elections Officer requested Councillor Watson to stop recording.

305 REVIEW WORK - DOCUMENT REVIEW.

The formal part of the meeting concluded at 1100 hours and Members then met as a working party to continue their review work. The working party concluded at 1125 hours.

The meeting concluded at 11:00.