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Dear Councillor

EXECUTIVE MEETING - MONDAY 24TH JUNE 2024 – DECISION NOTICE

I have pleasure in enclosing herewith, for your attention, a copy of the Decision Notice of the Executive held on Monday 24th June 2024.

Set out below is the procedure for calling in decisions of the Executive. **Only Key Decisions may be called in.** Request forms to call in a decision of the Executive may be obtained from the Governance Team.

Deadline date for calling in Key Decisions contained in the Decision Notice:

Wednesday 3rd July 2024

Number of Members required to call in an item:

Three Scrutiny Members

Method by which items may be called in:

By completion of the form available from the Governance Team

Recording of called in items:

The Governance Manager shall be responsible for keeping and maintaining a log of called in items. In practice this log will be kept by the Governance Officers who are themselves authorised to accept notifications from Members.

A log shall be maintained in chronological order according to when requests are received. This log will be open for inspection by any Member of the Council, upon request.

Yours sincerely,



Director of Governance and Legal Services & Monitoring Officer

**DECISION NOTICE OF THE EXECUTIVE
MONDAY, 24 JUNE 2024**

NON KEY DECISIONS

AGENDA ITEM		DECISION
5	Outside Bodies Appointments (Executive Functions)	<p>RESOLVED that 1) the appointment of Executive Members to serve as representatives on the organisations (Outside Bodies) (Executive Functions) for the 2024/25 Municipal Year, as attached at Appendix 1 to the report, be received,</p> <p>2) the Strategic Leadership Board (SLB) be added to the list of Outside Bodies (Executive Functions) 2024/25, and that Councillor Steve Fritchley be the nominated representative on the SLB.</p> <p>REASON FOR DECISION: To appoint representatives to ensure the effective representation of the Executive on external organisations (Outside Bodies) (Executive Functions) for the 2024/25 Municipal Year.</p> <p>OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED: Executive could choose not to appoint to the Outside Bodies; however, this was not recommended as it would fail to provide a representative of the Executive to these organisations.</p>
6	Annual complaint Handling and Service Improvement Report 2023-2024	<p>RESOLVED that the Annual Complaint Handling and Service Improvement Report and annual self-assessment against the Housing Ombudsman Complaint Handling Code, be approved.</p> <p>REASON FOR DECISION: It was a statutory requirement that the Council complied with the Housing Ombudsman Complaint Handling Code, and the requirements to provide an annual submission, including an Annual Complaint Handling and Service Improvement Report, and annual self-</p>

		<p>assessment.</p> <p>OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED: If the Council was unable to provide the annual submission by 30th June 2024, the Council may be issued with a Type 3 Complaint Handling Failure Order. If there was non-compliance with the order, the Housing Ombudsman had the option of making a referral to the governing body or the Regulator of Social Housing as required.</p>
7	<p>Tax Site Gateway Policy for the East Midlands Investment Zone</p>	<p>RESOLVED that the Tax Site Gateway Policy be approved and delegated authority be given to officers to sign the policy on behalf of the Council to allow the Tax Site within the District’s administrative boundary to proceed.</p> <p>REASON FOR DECISION: In summary, the report outlined how the draft Tax Site Gateway Policy ('the Policy') would be used to ensure that Tax Sites in the EMIZ and the associated tax incentives would promote and encourage the growth of the advance manufacturing sector and green industries within the region.</p> <p>Therefore, the Policy was considered likely to facilitate the creation of higher skilled, higher paid jobs at two large employment sites within the local area with an associated rise in living standards and improved quality of life for those employees. Moreover, the Tax Site at Explore Park was already operational, had plans for further development in the very near term and was closely related to settlements and housing allocations within the District.</p> <p>In those respects, the focus in the Policy on green industries and advance manufacturing at Explore Park supported the growth in the District’s housing supply alongside the opportunity to transform the District’s local economy through accelerating the growth of existing businesses in those sectors and by securing investment from those sectors to develop employment sites in the District to provide more high quality, high value jobs to local people.</p> <p>As proposed, the draft Policy did not give rise to any significant costs to the Council and any future planning decisions or proposals for business</p>

		<p>rates relief and/or tax incentives, or any other scheme that had a material impact on the District's own statutory responsibilities would need the Council's prior approval.</p> <p>As the billing authority, the Council would likely administer any business rates relief under the tax incentive policy at Explore Park if that were to be applied to any future occupants of any new buildings on the part of the site within Bolsover. Reliefs would be appropriately reimbursed by Government under a principle of no detriment.</p> <p>Consequently, approval of the draft Policy would be highly unlikely to pose any significant negative risk to the Council's own interests or impact on service delivery but there was a positive risk that the EMIZ would benefit the District's local economy and its local residents.</p> <p>It was therefore considered appropriate to recommend that the Executive endorse approval of the Tax Site Gateway Policy and for the Council to thereby become a signatory to the Policy and in doing so allow the Tax Site at Explore Park, Steetley to proceed.</p> <p>OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED: The Executive could choose not to support the current Policy proposals and withdraw officers from any future involvement in its governance arrangements or decisions making. This option was rejected because of the potential benefits to the District of continued active involvement with EMMCCA and the EMIZ, the risk of not realising benefits for the District if officers disengaged from the process, and the disbenefits of the loss of inward investment should the Policy and associated Tax Sites fail to get approval.</p>
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KEY DECISIONS

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8	<p>Sale of Properties - Cotton Street, Bolsover</p>	<p>RESOLVED that the sale of 17 and 19 Cotton Street, Bolsover, be approved.</p> <p>REASON FOR DECISION: Significant investment was required to raise the properties to a lettable standard and given age and conservation requirements, were likely to be an ongoing financial burden to the Council with negligible return.</p> <p>OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED: Not to sell 17 and 19 Cotton Street, Bolsover. This was rejected due to the significant investment required to make the properties lettable.</p> <p>The Council could undertake extensive refurbishment works to the properties to raise them to a lettable standard. However, due to the age and type, further investment would be likely in a relatively short period of time and they may not be suitable to longer term tenancy.</p>
9	<p>Update on Bolsover District Regeneration Fund</p>	<p>RESOLVED that 1) the update on the £15million Regeneration Fund provided within the report be noted,</p> <p>2) receipt of the Regeneration Fund by the Council (subject to the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding) be approved,</p> <p>3) responsibility for any amendments to the Memorandum of Understanding be delegated to the Council's Chief Executive,</p> <p>4) that the Council is the 'Accountable Body' for the Regeneration Fund in accordance with the requirements of the Fund, be noted,</p> <p>5) that the Council's wholly owned company, Dragonfly Management (Bolsover) Ltd can deliver the required outcomes of the Regeneration Fund on the Council's behalf, be approved,</p> <p>6) that Dragonfly Management (Bolsover) Ltd, acting on the Councils behalf, will procure a range of contractors and suppliers, including Dragonfly Development Ltd to deliver the required outcomes</p>

		<p>of the Regeneration Fund, be approved,</p> <p>7) the purchase of the three properties outlined in paragraph 2.3 of the report, following receipt of the Memorandum of Understanding, within the funding limits for each project and subject to appropriate valuations, value for money and conditions of the Regeneration Fund, be approved,</p> <p>8) that responsibility for the negotiations for the purchase of the three properties outlined in paragraph 2.3 of this report, be delegated to the Council's Chief Executive.</p> <p>REASON FOR DECISION: The purpose of the report was to update Members on the delivery of the £15million Regeneration Fund and seek appropriate approvals to deliver the projects within the tight timescales stipulated by DLUHC for the Fund.</p> <p>OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED: Members could decide not to proceed with the approvals and property acquisitions outlined within this report, however, this could jeopardise delivery of the projects and ultimately, receipt of the Fund by the Council.</p>
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Only Key Decisions may be called in. All other decisions will be actioned immediately with the exception of those referred to Council (shown in italics).