

Bolsover District Council

Local Growth Scrutiny Committee

8 December 2021

UPDATE ON GROWTH STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN

Report of the Assistant Director for Development and Planning

Classification: This report is public

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PURPOSE / SUMMARY

To update Growth Scrutiny committee on the progress against activities set out in the Growth Strategy.

REPORT DETAILS

1 Background (*reasons for bringing the report*)

- 1.1 The Growth Strategy, and accompanying action plan, were adopted by Council March 2021.
- 1.2 The Strategy sets out projects and initiatives being delivered against the key Economic priorities as set out in the Vision Bolsover prospectus.

2. Details of Proposal or Information

- 2.1 The identified projects and initiatives are moving at a pace, so it is timely to update the text within the main body of the Growth Strategy. The Action Plan summarises the projects and initiatives, including the achievements to date; the planned activities; and a review date.
- 2.2 The updated Growth Strategy and Action Plan are appended to this report (Appendix 1).
- 2.3 Highlights to note on this update include: a significant success has been the Surplus Council-owned Land (page 11 of the Strategy) whereby 48 of the HRA sites which were earmarked for disposal have been assessed for their development potential. Of these, 32 sites are suitable for residential development and will go to auction accompanied by a planning brief or 'deemed consent' for custom and self-build. A further 11 sites have been identified for disposal and will go through a similar process of evaluation and disposal. Eleven sites have now been sold generating income for the Council

of just over £770,000. If all the sites achieve a similar value, the sale of these sites will generate income in the region of £1,000,000 for the Council.

- 2.4 The capital projects for Shirebrook Crematorium and Portland Drive Industrial Units developments both continue to progress, with design teams appointed on each scheme to lead on the detailed designs and planning applications.
 - 2.5 The unemployment support scheme – KickStart – is building momentum with young unemployed individuals securing 6-month placements with different departments across the Council.
 - 2.6 The Institute of Technology proposal hasn't progressed as quickly as would have liked, with a recent funding application to the Community Renewal Fund (CRF) being unsuccessful. However, the development of the scheme is continuing, and work is being done to strengthen the proposal for future funding opportunities. The Partnership Team and the Economic Development Team are both working with the LGA and Design Council as part of a collaborative LGA Economic Growth Design Skills Programme utilising this scheme as a case study.

3 Reasons for Recommendation

- 3.1 This is an information report to keep Growth Scrutiny Members informed of progress against the Growth Strategy, noting achievements to date.

4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

- 4.1 Not applicable to this report. Report is for information purposes only.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That members note the updated Growth Strategy and action plan

IMPLICATIONS

Finance and Risk: Yes No

Details:

On Behalf of the Section 151 Officer

Legal (including Data Protection):

Yes **No**

Details:

On Behalf of the Solicitor to the Council

Staffing: Yes No

Details:

On behalf of the Head of Paid Service

DECISION INFORMATION

Decision Information	
Is the decision a Key Decision? A Key Decision is an executive decision which has a significant impact on two or more District wards or which results in income or expenditure to the Council above the following thresholds: BDC: Revenue - £75,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Capital - £150,000 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEDDC: Revenue - £100,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Capital - £250,000 <input type="checkbox"/> <i><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please indicate which threshold applies</i>	No
Is the decision subject to Call-In? (Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)	No
District Wards Significantly Affected	None
Consultation: Leader / Deputy Leader <input type="checkbox"/> Cabinet / Executive <input type="checkbox"/> SAMT <input type="checkbox"/> Relevant Service Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Members <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes Details:

Links to Council Ambition (BDC) priorities or Policy Framework including Climate Change, Equalities, and Economics and Health implications.	
Direct link to the Vision Bolsover prospectus and the delivery of the Economic Priorities set out within.	

DOCUMENT INFORMATION

Appendix No	Title
1	Growth Strategy (version 2 updated November 2021) and Growth Strategy Action Plan (Version 2 updated November 2021)
Background Papers (These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when preparing the report. They must be listed in the section below. If the report is going to Cabinet (NEDDC) or Executive (BDC) you must provide copies of the background papers)	
None	