

Bolsover District Council

Growth Scrutiny Committee

18th March 2020

Review of Income Generation – Post Scrutiny Monitoring (Final Report)

Report of the Chair of Growth Scrutiny Committee

This report is public

Purpose of the Report

- To present the Final Post-Scrutiny Monitoring Report on the Review of Income Generation to Growth Scrutiny Committee.

1 Report Details

1.1 The Growth Scrutiny Committee agreed to undertake a Review of Income Generation, as part of the 2017/18 work plan following consideration of a range of topics suggested at the Annual Scrutiny Conference.

1.2 While the Committee agreed the scope of this review early in the municipal year 2017/18, due to changes in staffing internally the review did not progress as planned. As a result we further refined the scope in January 2018, which allowed Members to re-focus on assessing how we had generated income to date and identify new ways of increasing income to the Authority. Due to the changes during 2017/18, Members agreed to continue the review in to 2018/19, to ensure a full investigation was completed.

1.3 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

1.4 There were a number of areas of investigation that have ultimately been subsumed in to the Transformation Plan 2018. Members acknowledged that there will now be a specific route for delivery of these initiatives, via the Transformation Governance Group, and urged those involved to look at the initiatives identified as a priority for further exploration over the twelve month monitoring period.

1.5 The Committee, and subsequently Executive, agreed 11 recommendations which will hopefully assist the Council in identifying new investments and mechanisms for income generation. This report acknowledges progress to date by Officers implementing the recommendations:

- To date 5 out of 11 recommendations have been achieved;

- 2 out of 11 have commenced and are on track to complete by their Target date of March 2020;
- 4 out of 11 are recommended for extension beyond the original Target date of March 2020. These recommendations are dependent on the completion of additional work, see Appendix 2 for further detail.

2 Conclusions and Reasons for Recommendation

- 2.1 Members are required to make their report and findings public, in accordance with Part 4.5.17(3) of the Constitution.
- 2.2 Committee is required to monitor implementation of their recommendations in accordance with Part 3.6(2) of the Constitution.

3 Consultation and Equality Impact

- 3.1 All Scrutiny Committees are committed to equality and diversity in undertaking their statutory responsibilities and ensure equalities are considered as part of all Reviews. The selection criteria when submitting a topic, specifically asks members to identify where the topic suggested affects particular population groups or geographies.
- 3.2 The Council has a statutory duty under s.149 Equality Act 2010 to have due regard to the need to advance equality of opportunity and to eliminate discrimination.

4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

- 4.1 There are no alternative options. Members are required to note the service's response to progress against the review recommendations.
- 4.2 Committee is required to monitor implementation of their recommendations in accordance with Part 3.6(2) of the Constitution and as such the report cannot be rejected.

5 Implications

5.1 Finance and Risk Implications

- 5.1.1 None from this report.

5.2 Legal Implications including Data Protection

- 5.2.1 In carrying out scrutiny reviews the Council is exercising its scrutiny powers as laid out in s.21 of the Local Government Act 2000 and subsequent legislation which added to/amended these powers e.g. the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.

5.3 Human Resources Implications

- 5.3.1 None directly from this report.

6 Recommendations

- 6.1 That Members note the progress against the review recommendations.
- 6.2 That Members acknowledge any exceptions to delivery and clarify the additional action required by the service.
- 6.3 That Members make its findings public, in accordance with Part 4.5.17(3) of the Constitution.
- 6.4 That Members agree to the formal extension of the four recommendations identified in Appendix 2.
- 6.5 That a further update against progress is submitted to Committee in twelve months' time, to ensure Members are kept informed of Transformation developments linked to Income Generation and to allow for full implementation of the four recommendations identified for extension.

7 Decision Information

<p>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: <i>BDC: Revenue - £75,000</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Capital - £150,000</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>NEDDC: Revenue - £100,000</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Capital - £250,000</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Please indicate which threshold applies</i></p>	No
<p>Is the decision subject to Call-In? (Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)</p>	No
<p>Has the relevant Portfolio Holder been informed</p>	Yes
<p>District Wards Affected</p>	N/A
<p>Links to Corporate Plan priorities or Policy Framework</p>	<p>Aim: Unlocking our Growth Potential Priorities: Supporting Enterprise; Unlocking Development Potential; Enabling Housing Growth</p> <p>Aim: Transforming Our Organisation Priorities: Making the best use of our assets; Ensuring financial sustainability and increasing revenue streams</p>

8 **Document Information**

Appendix No	Title
1.	Review of Income Generation – Original Service and Executive Response
2.	Review of Income Generation – Action Plan
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)	
All documents related to the Review of Income Generation. Please contact Scrutiny & Elections Officer where further information is required.	
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