

JOBS AND ECONOMY COMMITTEE

MONDAY, 16 JULY 2018

Present: Councillor A Harper, Chair

Councillors: M Brown
S J Carr (substitute)
M J Crow
E Cubley
T A Cullen
D A Elliott
L Fletcher
J C Goold
R S Robinson

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors B C Carr, J W Handley, M Handley, P Lally and M Radulovic MBE.

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

2. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 March 2018 were confirmed and signed.

3. PART 2 LOCAL PLAN SUBMISSION

The Committee considered the draft Part 2 Local Plan. The Committee was informed that the number of houses located in Bramcote had increased from 300 to 500. This was due to a re-review of the Local Wildlife Site and the ecological value being smaller than previously anticipated. Concern was raised that this increase represented 10% of the proposed housing being allocated housing to the Bramcote site.

It was proposed by Councillor S J Carr and seconded by Councillor R S Robinson that there be a recorded vote on the recommendation. On being put to the meeting the proposal was carried and the voting was as follows:

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstention</u>
E Cubley T A Cullen M J Crow D A Elliott L Fletcher J C Goold A Harper R I Jackson	S J Carr	

RECOMMENDED to Council that the Part 2 Local Plan be submitted for Independent Examination.

4. PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT - REVIEW OF BUSINESS PLAN PROGRESS/BUSINESS GROWTH

Members noted the report which focussed on progress against targets identified in the Business Growth Business Plan.

It was noted that the Council were exceeding national targets in relation to planning applications.

5. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

The Committee noted the update on economic development. Officers stated that Broxtowe business start-up grants had been officially released and interest had been building through local networks. The grant was designed to assist businesses starting up to create job opportunities within Broxtowe and fill vacant business units in the area. The scheme had a maximum award of £1,000 grant with 12 full grants being available to businesses. It was expected these grants would be spent within 2018/19.

6. UPDATE ON KEY SITES

The Committee were updated on the progress in regards to housing sites across the Borough.

It was noted that further progress had been on the Beamlight site and discussions were taking place in order to efficiently make use of the site and fulfil the section 106 agreements.

Members were informed that work on the Barton site was progressing and that planning permission had been granted, subject to the successful signing of the section 106 agreement. It was noted that further information was required on the proposal for the wider site.

7. OCCUPANCY UPDATE STAPLEFORD TOWN CENTRE

The Committee was updated on the town centre occupancy at Stapleford. It was noted that there had been a decline in occupancy in Stapleford Town Centre in 2017/18. However, this was also mirrored in Broxtowe's other town centres.

8. WORK PROGRAMME

It was requested that a report on Town Centre footfall rates be added to the Work Programme.

RESOLVED that the Work Programme, as amended, be approved.