

JOBS AND ECONOMY COMMITTEE

MONDAY, 17 DECEMBER 2018

Present: Councillor A Harper, Chair

Councillors: B C Carr
E Cubley
D L Fletcher
J W Handley
M Handley
M Radulovic (MBE)
R S Robinson

An apology for absence was received from Councillor M Crow.

10 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

11 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 July 2018 were confirmed and signed.

12 LOCAL PLAN PART 2 UPDATE

The Committee received an update on the Local Plan Part 2. It was noted that there had been a number of comments made by the Local Plan Inspector, including clarifying existing policies, providing supporting evidence of boundary additions and strengthening existing development sites.

13 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

The Committee noted the update on economic development. It was noted that three of the business grants had been awarded. The scheme has a maximum award of £1,000 grant with 12 full grants being available to businesses. It was expected this will be spent within the year from official release.

14 UPDATE ON TOWN SQUARES INCOME

The Committee received an update on the Town Squares income report. It was noted that the Council's budget for income received from town squares was £7,500.

15 HS2 UPDATE

The Committee received an update on the HS2 progress report. HS2 had produced a Working Draft Environmental Statement which sought to identify the likely significant environmental effects likely to be caused by the construction and operation of the HS2 railway along the proposed route and proposes mitigation to reduce or minimise the effects.

Concern was raised in relation to the demolition of the Greenwood Community Centre in Toton, the additional traffic flow caused by construction traffic and impact on the Toton Fields Local nature reserve.

RESOLVED to respond to the consultation within the appropriate time frame, endorsing the comments in the report with the additional comments made by the Committee and that the support of Full Council be sought to endorse this response.

16 BUILDING CONTROL ANNUAL REPORT

The Committee were updated on the various building control matters following the second full year of this service being provided by Erewash Borough Council. The objective of the joint service was to enable both authorities to provide a single service, improve service delivery, reduce costs and reduce support costs.

17 UPDATE ON KEY SITES

The Committee were informed of progress made on key sites. It was reported that the Beamlight site had outline planning permission approved for both sites. Concern was raised in relation to the contaminated land within the site. It was reported that soil samples were being taken and the results of these test will be published.

The Dovecote site required an application to be submitted by the applicant. However, the applicant had begun works prior to this being submitted. It was reported that the application, once submitted, would be reviewed by the Planning Committee to determine as appropriate.

18 OCCUPANCY OF MAIN EMPLOYMENT SITES AND BUSINESS SURVEYS UPDATE

The Committee received an updated on the occupancy rates of key employment sites. It was reported that responses to surveys sent to the key employment sites had risen from 12% to 35%.

Occupancy rates stand at 90% across the town centres in Broxtowe, in line with the national average.

19 JOBS CLUB

The Committee were informed of the progress made on the Eastwood Jobs Club. It was noted that 154 people had participated in the jobs club and had been supported with IT and online application issues.

It was reported that the jobs club would cost an estimated £1,000 for a six month period, with each session costing £100.

Resolved that jobs club continue to be funded.

20 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.

21 WORK PROGRAMME

It was requested that a report on the Eastwood Co-Op be added to the Work Programme.

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