

JOBS AND ECONOMY COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, 3 SEPTEMBER 2020

Present: Councillor T Hallam, Chair

Councillors: L A Ball BEM (substitute)
S J Carr
M J Crow
E Cubley
T A Cullen (substitute)
R I Jackson
L A Lally (Vice-Chair)
P Lally
R D MacRae
J W McGrath
P Roberts-Thomson
D D Pringle

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M Handley and M Hannah.

11 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors R D MacRae and J W McGrath declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 11 due to being a member of Stapleford Town Board, minute number 20 refers.

12 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting on 18 June 2020 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

13 **PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT - REVIEW OF BUSINESS PLAN**

The Committee noted a report which informed of progress against outcome targets identified in the Business Growth Business Plan, linked to Corporate Plan priorities and objectives, and were provided with an update as to the latest key performance indicators therein. Further discussion ensued with regard to business growth with a request to revisit some of the plans to update on the impact of Covid-19.

14 **KEY SITES UPDATE**

Members received an update on the progress of development sites cross the Borough. The Committee was updated on all the regeneration sites with further discussions to take place around Moults Yard, Stapleford.

RESOLVED that the proposals for additional sites be approved.

15 PLANNING REFORMS AND CHANGES TO PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT AND THE USE CLASSES ORDER

The Committee was updated on the recent changes announced to permitted development rights and the Use Classes Order and to provide a brief summary of the proposed planning reforms announced within the Government's 'Planning for the Future' consultation.

The changes provide additional rights for extensions through the right to add additional storeys to buildings and through new rights to redevelop sites without obtaining full planning permission. The Use Classes Order has also been extensively revised to combine a number of classes into a new 'Class E'.

RESOLVED that authority be delegated to the Interim Head of Planning and Economic Development to submit a response in respect of the Government's 'Planning for the Future' consultation by 29 October 2020 and be distributed to all members three working days prior to the response's submission, on the understanding that the delegation rest with the Interim Head of Planning and Economic Development.

16 UPDATE ON TOWN SQUARES INCOME

The Members were updated on the income generated from charging for the use of Council owned town squares.

It was noted that in 2019/20 the Council received £9,457 of income from the leasing its town centres.

17 REOPENING HIGH STREETS SAFELY FUND AND SURVEY UPDATE

The Committee noted the current position of the Reopening High Streets Safely Fund.

Broxtowe Borough Council were allocated £101,458 for the reopening of high streets safely fund from central government. This fund has been used to employ two officers to engage with local businesses to determine what support is needed to safely engage with customers.

18 RECRUITING A MARKETS OFFICER

The Committee considered the proposal to recruit a marketing officer. It was noted that the recruitment of a Markets Officer will enable the Council to hold regular and seasonal markets across the borough. In addition, the role will allow for place specific promotion alongside the markets, increasing visits and engaging with local groups and schools.

RECOMMENDED to the Personnel Committee that the viability of a permanent Markets Officer Position be CONSIDERED and to RESOLVE accordingly.

19 HS2 UPDATE

Members were updated on the progress made by HS2 following the publication of the Oakervee Review.

20 STAPLEFORD TOWN DEAL FUND

The Committee noted a report which provided an update on the Stapleford Towns Deal Fund and the investment plan for Stapleford.

The Towns Fund could result in an investment of up to £25 million for the Town of Stapleford. To obtain this, the Town Investment Plan will need to demonstrate significant co-funding from public and private sector sources.

21 DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION UPDATE

Members were updated on the progress made toward the formation of a Development Corporation which will cover the strategic development sites at Toton and Chetywnd Barracks.

22 HOUSES IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION IN BEESTON

Members were updated on the preparation of an Article 4 Direction. It was noted that following the COVID-19 pandemic, a revised timetable had been established.

23 WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee considered the work programme.

RESOLVED that the Work Programme be approved, subject to the addition of items on the Mitigation of the Issues Due to New Planning Laws and to postpone the Update on Moults Yard Options until a later meeting.