

JOBS AND ECONOMY COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, 31 MARCH 2022

Present: Councillor T Hallam, Chair

Councillors: L A Lally (Vice-Chair)
E Cubley
P Lally
R D MacRae
D D Pringle
P Roberts-Thomson
S Easom (Substitute)
H Land (Substitute)
G Marshall (Substitute)

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors S J Carr, M J Crow, M Handley, M Hannah, R I Jackson and J W McGrath.

32 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor R D MacRae declared a non pecuniary interest in item 8 Stapleford Towns Deal Update, as he was an executive member of the Stapleford Towns Board.

33 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting on 27 January 2022 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

34 **UPDATE IN RELATION TO THE HMO SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT TO SUPPORT THE UPCOMING ARTICLE 4 DIRECTION**

The Committee discussed the Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) regarding Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs) in parts of Beeston and Beeston Rylands which was to be subject to public consultation.

Debate focused on the radius approach. The guidance stated that proposals for the development of HMOs would not be granted planning permission where the development would result in the total number of known HMO properties exceeding 25% relative to the total number of properties within a 100 metre radius of the application property. There was a debate about setting the percentage at an enforceable and reasonable level, whilst taking into account concerns about unknown HMOs.

It was noted that this was a draft document and changes could be made to the SPD once the public consultation had taken place. There was also discussion about safety

concerns, the differing definitions of a HMO in legislation for planning, licensing and council tax and car parking spaces.

It was proposed by Councillor P Lally and seconded by Councillor L A Lally that the percentage for the radius approach should be set at 10% relative to the total number of known HMOs. On being put to the meeting the motion passed.

RESOLVED that the percentage for the radius approach be set at 10% relative to the total number of known HMOs.

RESOLVED that the draft SPD (with minor additions/alterations, as detailed below) proceed to public consultation.

35 BOROUGH WIDE JOB CLUBS INITIATIVE

The Committee considered the work of the Economic Development Team with relation to Jobs Clubs. It was noted that the Team was focused on providing services in areas where there was a lack of employment and skills assistance.

During the debate the importance of volunteering opportunities, making residents ready for work, help with applications and access to technology were discussed.

RESOLVED that subject to there being proven demand and an absence of alternative support, a commitment of up to £4,000 from the existing 2022/2023 Economic Development Service Budget be approved.

36 LEVELLING UP WHITE PAPER UPDATE

The Committee noted the Levelling Up White Paper update.

37 BOROUGH MARKETS UPDATE

The Committee noted the Borough Markets Update.

38 STAPLEFORD TOWNS DEAL UPDATE

The Committee noted the presentation from the Regeneration Project Manager on the Stapleford Towns Deal Update.