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JOBS AND ECONOMY COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, 4 JULY 2019

Present: Councillor P Lally, Chair

Councillors: S J Carr (substitute)
M J Crow
T Hallam (substitute)
M Hannah
R I Jackson
E Kerry (substitute)
L A Lally
P M Roberts-Thomson
E Williamson

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M Handley, R D MacRae and I L Tyler.

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

2 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting on 31 January 2019 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

3 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

The Committee noted the recent work of the Economic Regeneration Team. More information on the businesses helped by the work of the team was requested, including the location of the businesses and an update on their progress.

Discussion progressed on to the four main town centres with focus on the possibility of having a night market in Beeston Square, concern about large unoccupied units in Kimberley and disappointment over technical problems postponing the implementation of free Wi-Fi in Eastwood and Kimberley.

The Committee noted the importance of working with Town and Parish Councils and local businesses to ensure that regeneration work was productive.

4 HOUSES IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION IN BEESTON UPDATE

The Committee considered the merits of additional policy restrictions regarding Houses in Multiple Occupation (HIMOs).

The importance of gathering evidence to support any future policy was emphasised and it was noted that consideration would be given to the housing situation in the Greater Nottingham area in comparison to Broxtowe in order that a case be properly made. It was noted that the restrictions placed on HIMOs by Nottingham City Council were only implemented because they could provide clear evidence that there was a lack of family accommodation throughout their area and that certain places were wholly populated by students.

The debate took in the role of the University, the impact of the Local Plan Part 2 and that the aim of any policy should not be to ban HIMOs, but to promote a mix of housing.

RECOMMENDED to the Finance and Resources Committee that the work outlined in the appendix is undertaken.

5 HOUSING DELIVERY TEST UPDATE

The Committee noted the work that was being done to complete an action plan because housing delivery was at 57% of the housing requirement. The reasons for under-delivery were discussed and the Local Plan Part 2 was emphasised as a key component of the action plan. Work to deliver housing developments after planning permission was granted was also discussed.

It was proposed by Councillor R I Jackson and seconded by Councillor P Lally that an amendment to the recommendation be made to include Group Leaders in the delegation to submit the action plan. On being put to the meeting the motion was carried.

RESOLVED that the submission of the final action plan be delegated to the Head of Neighbourhoods and Prosperity in consultation with the Chair of the Jobs and Economy Committee and Group Leaders.

6 PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT REVIEW OF BUSINESS PLAN - BUSINESS GROWTH - OUTTURN REPORT

The progress made in achieving the Business Plan for Business Growth and the current Key Performance Indicators for 2018/19 were noted.

7 WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee added the Key Sites Update as a standing item to be submitted to each meeting.

RESOLVED that the Work Programme as amended be approved.