

JOBS AND ECONOMY COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, 18 JUNE 2020

Present: Councillor T Hallam, Chair

Councillors: S J Carr
M J Crow
E Cubley
M Handley
M Hannah
R I Jackson
L A Lally
P Lally
R D MacRae
J W McGrath
P Roberts-Thomson
D D Pringle

1 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors R D MacRae, R I Jackson and J W McGrath declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 7 due to being a member of Stapleford Town Board, minute number 6 refers. Councillor J W McGrath declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 8 as a local business owner, minute number 7 refers.

2 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held 27 February 2020 were confirmed a correct record.

3 **HOUSES IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION UPDATE**

Following the decision of the Jobs and Economy Committee in February 2020 work has been progressing on the Article 4. Current priorities of the Planning Policy team during the lockdown have been to progress the Core Strategy Review and Growth options work for a public consultation in July, HS2 Toton (Strategic Location for Growth) Supplementary Planning Document, Climate Change Initiatives in addition to progressing the Article 4 Direction.

It was noted that progression was going well and it was anticipated the work would be carried out with the opening of the Council offices in early July.

4 **PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT - REVIEW OF BUSINESS PLAN PROGRESS - BUSINESS GROWTH**

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.

5 UPDATE ON KEY SITES

Members received an update on the progress of development sites across the Borough and thanked the Officers on all the work carried out so far. The Committee was updated on all the regeneration sites with further discussions to take place around Moults Yard, Stapleford, ongoing discussions with Network Rail at Beeston Cement Depot and the Former Myfords Site.

6 STAPLEFORD TOWNS DEAL FUND

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

7 REOPENING HIGH STREETS SAFELY FUND

On 29 May 2020 the government announced that Broxtowe Borough Council would be allocated £101,458 for the reopening of high streets safely.

It was proposed by Councillor T Hallam and seconded by Councillor L A Lally that the following measures be implemented throughout Beeston, Eastwood, Kimberley and Stapleford, to support local businesses and shoppers during the phases of reduction of lockdown.

- Employ two Information Officers for six months, full time Monday to Saturday to support local town centre businesses.
- Create a supportive presence within the town centres. Utilising existing Council staff where applicable.
- Develop and implement a campaign (including print media, online activities and branded clothing/PPE) to encourage residents to shop locally and promote COVID-19 safety.
- Cleaning increased on town centre benches, bins, and street furniture.
- Recruit two wardens on a six-month basis to cover the four town centres.

On being put to the meeting the proposal was approved.

RESOLVED that the actions and allocation of resources, as amended, be approved.

8 ECONOMIC RECOVERY PLAN

Members were updated on the economic recovery plan with the steps the Council had taken to support the business community during the Covid-19 pandemic and how the Council would support the economy to recover.

RESOLVED that the short, medium and longer term recommendations, as set out in appendix 5 of the report, be approved.

9 DATA GATHERING

Members of the Committee received an update on the Council's proposed data gathering exercise to feed into the wider Economic Recovery Plan for businesses post Covid-19. The Committee discussed the options available to collate information from businesses to support the Economic Recovery Plan and suggested using conference calling, emails and telephone calls to assist in the data gathering process.

RESOLVED that the approach to data gathering be approved.

10 WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee considered the work programme and agreed on the inclusion of a report to provide an update on Moults Yard Stapleford in January 2021.

RESOLVED that the work programme, as amended, be approved.