

ECONOMY AND GROWTH SELECT COMMITTEE

Meeting: Thursday, 6 February 2020 at 6.30 pm in The Octagon Lounge, Pavilion Gardens, Buxton

Present: Councillor E Siddall (Chair)

Councillors T Ashton, M Hall, I Huddleston, T Kemp, D Kerr, E Lawson, R Quinn, P Roberts, K Savage and E Thrane (substitute for L Grooby)

Councillors A Barrow, D Greenhalgh and A McKeown were also in attendance.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors L Grooby and R Atkins

20/25 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING
(Agenda Item 4)

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 21 November 2019 be approved as a correct record.

20/26 SELECT COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME
(Agenda Item 5)

An update on accelerated housing would be added.

RESOLVED:

That the Chairman and Vice-Chairman meet with officers to discuss and update the work programme.

20/27 ANY QUESTIONS REFERRED TO THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER (MEMBER SERVICES TO BE ADVISED OF ANY QUESTIONS AT LEAST 4 DAYS PRIOR TO THE MEETING)
(Agenda Item 6)

A question had been raised concerning the appointment of consultants to deliver a masterplan and business case in line with the successful Future High Street Fund application. It was reported that when commissioned there had been no relationship between the consultants and the owners or lessees of the Springs Centre. The Borough Council's procurement and legal processes had been followed. Members requested detail on the timeline and dates.

20/28 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC
(Agenda Item 7)

RESOLVED:



That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business as there may be disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

**20/29 HOMES ENGLAND HOUSING INFRASTRUCTURE FUND - PRE-DRAW
DOWN CONDITIONS AND PROJECT RISKS**
(Agenda Item 8)

Consideration was given to the Homes England (HE) 'Pre-Draw Down Grant Conditions' attached to the £2m grant award under the Housing Infrastructure Fund (HIF) and the risk attached to each condition and the overall project.

(Councillor Quinn abstained from voting.)

RESOLVED:

1. That the risks and mitigation associated with each pre-draw down condition be noted.
2. That the risks to the project in terms of meeting the HIF programme and timetable as outlined in Section 3.5 – 3.7 of the report and the impact of any overruns to this be noted.
3. That the risks to the project in terms of financial overrun as outlined in Section 3.9 – 3.10 of the report be noted.
4. That if there were no agreement by 30 June 2020 then a further report be presented to the Committee around 1st week of July, at a special meeting if necessary.

The meeting concluded at 7.04 pm

CHAIRMAN
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