

ECONOMY AND GROWTH SELECT COMMITTEE

Meeting: Wednesday, 29 July 2020 at 6.30 pm in Virtual Meeting

Present: Councillor E Siddall (Chair)

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

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

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors L Grooby, D Kerr and E Lawson

20/34 TO RECEIVE DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST ON ANY MATTERS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE
(Agenda Item 2)

There were no disclosures of interest.

20/35 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING
(Agenda Item 4)

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 10 March 2020 be approved as a correct record subject to the following amendments:

20/31 PROPOSALS AND TIMETABLE FOR THE FUTURE HIGH STREET FUND/HERITAGE ACTION ZONE
(Agenda Item 2)

Consideration was given to the contents and structure of the report and it was **unanimously** agreed that the report up to and including paragraph 4.22 could be discussed **and minuted** in Part 1 as there would not be disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

- Request, within constraints, for **an urgent** meeting with Buxton Civic Association, Vision Buxton, Buxton Town Team and Buxton Councillors to address concerns and deliver the scheme as part of the bigger vision

20/33 PROPOSALS AND TIMETABLE FOR THE FUTURE HIGH STREET FUND/HERITAGE ACTION ZONE
(Agenda Item 4)

RESOLVED (**unanimously**):



1. That, within constraints, **an urgent** meeting be arranged with Buxton Civic Association, Vision Buxton, Buxton Town Team and Buxton Councillors to address concerns and deliver the scheme as part of the bigger vision.

20/36 COVID-19 PANDEMIC - ECONOMIC RECOVERY
(Agenda Item 5)

A report identified the impact of COVID-19 on service delivery and plans being put in place for recovery.

Members conveyed their thanks to staff for their contribution during this period.

Consideration was given to:

- Identifying business need
- Telephone survey and discussions during the pandemic
- Possible web based survey
- Supporting employee retention and apprenticeships for young people
- Clarification would be sought on apprenticeships open to the public sector
- Reduced waste collection, street cleansing and grounds maintenance services
- Services targeting areas of increased footfall such as parks and the Hope Valley
- Reopening public toilets, required standards, cleaning availability and discussions with the County Council to progress
- Possible infrastructure projects
- Potential for a second wave
- Long term co-ordinated and prioritised approach
- Supporting businesses not eligible for grants
- Council discretion
- Empty property relief
- Lobbying via the LGA for additional business support
- On the Council website adding the link to the Eat out to help out scheme

RESOLVED:

1. That the details of the Council's recovery to the COVID-19 pandemic as outlined in the report be noted.
2. That the proposed recovery plans outlined in the report be supported.

20/37 FAIRFIELD ROUNDABOUT UPDATE
(Agenda Item 6)

There was an overview and update on progress in delivering the Homes England Housing Infrastructure Fund Project (Fairfield Roundabout).



Discussion took place on:

- Risks
- Highway Authority scheme
- Planning applications
- Executive report in the autumn
- Road traffic, HGVs and need for consultation
- Effect of roundabout on traffic flow into town
- Traffic impact assessment
- Consultation with County Councillors
- Requirement to deliver housing
- Air quality
- Public transport
- Existing need for infrastructure improvements and effect of increase in housing
- Support for retrunking A6
- Potential for employment

RESOLVED:

That the project update and the next steps proposed in order to progress the England Housing Infrastructure Fund Project (Fairfield Roundabout be noted.)

20/38 SELECT COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME
(Agenda Item 7)

Future agenda items would include:

- Feedback on Future High Street bid
- Housing Infrastructure Fund
- Recovery Programme

The Transport Working Group would reconvene and Select Chairs would meet to discuss the Work Programme.

RESOLVED:

That the Work Programme as amended be noted.

20/39 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC
(Agenda Item 9)

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.

20/40 TO APPROVE EXEMPT MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING
(Agenda Item 10)



RESOLVED:

That the exempt minutes of the meeting held on 10 March 2020 be approved as a correct record.

The meeting concluded at 8.21 pm

CHAIRMAN