

ECONOMY AND GROWTH SELECT COMMITTEE

Meeting: Thursday, 28 September 2017 at 6.30 pm in The Cafe, Pavilion Gardens, Buxton

Present: Councillor A McKeown (Chair)

Councillors R Atkins, G Claff, J Douglas, P Easter, S Flower, L Grooby, S Helliwell, C Johnson, R Quinn, K Sizeland and F Sloman

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors

18/10 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING
(Agenda Item 4)

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 20 July 2017 be approved as a correct record.

18/11 TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR GROWTH STRATEGY WORKING GROUP
(Agenda Item 5)

The Committee considered the proposed Terms of Reference for the Growth Strategy Task and Finish Sub-Committee, which the Committee had agreed to establish at its last meeting.

The view was expressed that rather than establishing a separate Sub-Committee, that the tasks outlined within the report should be absorbed into the full Committee's work programme, with a possible additional meeting if required. It was also requested that a discussion about the role of the Council in promoting economic development in the area may be useful.

RESOLVED:

1. That a Growth Strategy Task and Finish Sub-Committee be not established;
2. That the tasks set out within the proposed Terms of Reference be absorbed into the main Select Committee Work Programme, to be agreed with the Chair.

18/12 ACCELERATED HOUSING DELIVERY PROGRAMME - PRESENTATION
(Agenda Item 6)

The Regeneration Manager made a presentation to the Committee around the High Peak Housing Portfolio. Issues reported on included Growth Strategy Delivery Mechanisms, previous year completions, the assisted

housing delivery programme, High Peak Housing Portfolio and the Housing Infrastructure Fund

Specific reference was made to the HCA accelerated construction programme and housing infrastructure fund, where a bid had been submitted for 3 difficult to deliver sites with access infrastructure issues, namely, Granby Road A & B, Buxton, Hogshaw, Buxton and Adderley Place, Glossop. Parallel discussions were also on-going with private sector partners to deliver a number of sites throughout the borough to maintain the 5 year housing supply. Reference was also made to the delivery of Chapel Masterplan, and an update on that and other sites would be made at a future meeting of the Committee.

RESOLVED:

1. That the presentation be noted;
2. That an update on the Chapel Masterplan and a presentation around commercial land be added to the work programme.

18/13 INFRASTRUCTURE ISSUES - PRESENTATION
(Agenda Item 7)

The Regeneration Manager made a presentation to the committee regarding transport infrastructure in High Peak, with particular reference to A57/A628 Trans-Pennine, Gamesley station, Trans-Pennine tunnel, South East Manchester Multi Modal Strategy, Fairfield Link Road, rail improvements and trails.

Discussion ensued around Fairfield Link Road and traffic issues in the area.

RESOLVED:

That the presentation be noted.

18/14 GLOSSOP CREATIVE INDUSTRIES ASSESSMENT
(Agenda Item 8)

The Committee considered a summary of the Glossop Creative Industries Assessment report, which had been produced for the Council by Tom Fleming Creative Consultancy to assess the potential for the growth of the creative industry and cultural sector in Glossop.

Concerns were expressed around the level of resources being allocated to the project and the amount of work expected of the volunteers involved in the project. Attention was also drawn to the number of challenges to the project identified by the consultants, and whether or not these could be overcome. The Committee were advised that although challenges had been identified, the view of the consultants was that the project could be delivered. Reference was made to the investment being made in the Glossop Halls project, a key component of which was how that project could be built on to deliver other projects in the area, such as this.

In response to comments made regarding the level of community support for the project, the Committee were informed that one of the tasks of the group was to engage and raise awareness of the project within Glossopdale. Local Members also commented that they would wish to be involved in the project.

RESOLVED:

That, subject to the above comments, the report be noted.

18/15 SELECT COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME
(Agenda Item 9)

The work programme would be updated following the decision to incorporate the work of the proposed Growth Strategy Task and Finish Group into the main committee.

RESOLVED:

That the work programme be noted.

18/16 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC
(Agenda Item 11)

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

18/17 TO APPROVE THE EXEMPT MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING
(Agenda Item 12)

RESOLVED:

That the exempt minutes of the meeting held on 20 July 2017 be approved as a correct record.

The meeting concluded at 8.25 pm

CHAIRMAN
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