

ECONOMY AND GROWTH SELECT COMMITTEE

Meeting: Thursday, 23 November 2017 at 6.30 pm in The Cafe, Pavilion Gardens, Buxton

Present: Councillor L Grooby (Chair)

Councillors R Atkins, J Douglas, S Flower, S Helliwell, D Kerr (substitute for A McKeown), J Perkins (substitute for P Easter), R Quinn, K Sizeland and F Sloman

Councillors T Ashton, T Kemp and J Pritchard were also in attendance.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A McKeown and P Easter

18/18 TO RECEIVE DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST ON ANY MATTERS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE
(Agenda Item 2)

Councillor Grooby declared an other interest in agenda item 6 (Draft Minerals and Aggregates Extraction in High Peak and Derbyshire Dales Report) - reason: employed by Tarmac at Tunstead Quarry.

Councillor Sizeland declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in agenda item 5 (Accelerated Enterprise Growth Programme), remained, spoke but did not vote.

18/19 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING
(Agenda Item 4)

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 28 September 2017 be approved as a correct record.

18/20 DRAFT MINERALS & AGGREGATE EXTRACTION IN HIGH PEAK & DERBYSHIRE DALES REPORT
(Agenda Item 6)

There was an update on the findings and recommendations of the Draft Minerals and Aggregate Extraction in High Peak and Derbyshire Dales Economic Impact Assessment Report.

Issues discussed included:

- Road infrastructure and need for bypasses.
- Discussions with the Peak District National Park and their strategic plan.
- Public consultation.
- Encouraging rail transport of aggregate.

- Increasing rail capacity and discussions with Network Rail.
- Retaining jobs and skills.
- Logistics and the Local Enterprise Partnership.
- HS2 releasing mainline capacity to London and authorities west and east excluded from discussions.
- SEMMS focus on industry needs.
- Housing.

RESOLVED:

That the findings of the study and the suggested interventions to help to maximise future growth opportunities be noted.

18/21 ACCELERATED ENTERPRISE GROWTH PROGRAMME PRESENTATION -
(Agenda Item 5)

There was a presentation on implementing the Enterprise Growth Programme, Growth Strategy priorities, employment land monitoring, local sites, key barriers, business support and digital infrastructure.

Issues discussed included:

- Slow development on some sites
- Broadband costs in small rural communities
- Work with Broadband Delivery UK and Derbyshire County Council to include more of High Peak and promotion
- Peak District National Park
- Little speculative development in High Peak
- Potential increase in employment
- Supporting businesses and encouraging development with the budget available
- Population increase and infrastructure
- Balancing housing and employment need
- Benefits from the Local Plan
- Funds allocated to other areas within Derbyshire and Manchester

RESOLVED:

That the presentation be received with thanks.

18/22 A57/A628 TRANS-PENNINE PROGRAMME
(Agenda Item 7)

There was an update on the recent announcement regarding the A57/A628 Trans-Pennine programme. Discussion took place on:

- Possible start date of March 2020 and opening August 2022
- Difficulties arising from the construction phase
- Some scepticism locally
- Issues in Tintwistle and the Peak Park

RESOLVED:

1. That the update be noted and further details of the scheme be considered as they emerge.
2. That the Council continues to seek a solution to transport issues on the A628 in Tintwistle.
3. That consideration be given to the wider implications of the proposed scheme for the local economy.

18/23 SELECT COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME
(Agenda Item 8)

Arrangements in Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire to create a metro area and Proposals for Business Improvement Bids would be added.

RESOLVED:

That the Work Programme as amended be noted.

The meeting concluded at 7.45 pm

CHAIRMAN
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