

ECONOMY AND GROWTH SELECT COMMITTEE

Meeting: Wednesday, 7 October 2020 at 6.30 pm in Virtual Meeting

Present: Councillor E Siddall (Chair)

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

Councillor A Barrow, D Greenhalgh, A McKeown and J Todd were also in attendance

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

20/41 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING
(Agenda Item 4)

The Future High Street Fund report from the meeting held on 10 March 2020 that had been considered in Part 1 would be added to the agenda for that meeting.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 29 July 2020 be approved as a correct record, subject to the addition of Councillor J Todd to the list of those in attendance.

20/42 ORAL UPDATE ON BUXTON HERITAGE ACTION ZONE
(Agenda Item 5)

There was an oral update on the Historic England Programme and 4 year programme for heritage improvements in Spring Gardens, Buxton. Community engagement, a cultural sub group, work on a detailed submission and additional funding granted for a pilot project were discussed. Existing groups and social media could be involved.

RESOLVED: That the update be received with thanks and a briefing note be circulated to members.

20/43 ORAL UPDATE ON LIDL, GLOSSOP
(Agenda Item 6)

It was reported that work on the site was underway and the store would shortly be opening. A letter would be sent to Lidl welcoming employment opportunities for High Peak residents.

RESOLVED: That the oral update be received with thanks.



20/44 PLANNING WHITE PAPER
(Agenda Item 7)

Proposed changes set out in the White Paper “Planning for the Future” published for consultation on 6th August 2020, together with the Council’s response were considered. A virtual training session was planned for Monday, 12 October at 1.30pm and all members were invited to attend. Issues raised included connecting sustainability and climate change, interface connections, affordable housing and extended working hours.

RESOLVED:

1. That after the training session a cross party letter of support be submitted with the Council’s response, including issues raised, to Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government before the end of the consultation period.
2. That the report be noted.

20/45 BUXTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN
(Agenda Item 8)

Consideration was given to an application made by ‘The Buxton Neighbourhood Forum Community Interest Company (CIC)’ to designate a neighbourhood area and neighbourhood forum for Buxton under section 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. The consultation process, experience with other neighbourhood plans and relationship with Local Plans were discussed.

RESOLVED:

1. That the Council approves consultation on the applications for the designation of a neighbourhood area and neighbourhood forum for Buxton.
2. That the Council agrees to consider the responses to the consultation at a future meeting of this Committee before The Executive in order to meet the 13 week deadline specified in the regulations.

20/46 HIF PROGRAMME AND FAIRFIELD ROUNDABOUT UPDATE
(Agenda Item 9)

A report provided members with an overview and project update on progress in delivering the Homes England funded Fairfield Roundabout. Discussion took place on procurement, scrutiny of land disposal, air quality monitoring as part of the planning process, Highways Authority application, traffic management consultation, view of residents and the Local Plan.

RESOLVED:

That the update report and progress in securing delivery of this project be noted.



20/47 WORK PROGRAMME
(Agenda Item)

It was reported that the work programme was under review. Water in Buxton – Supplementary Planning Document and LAAC Programme Update - Granby Road B would be considered 26 November 2020 and Buxton Neighbourhood Plan Designation 4 February 2021. A future meeting would receive an update on the Crescent and Covid 19 updates as required.

RESOLVED: That the work programme be noted.

20/48 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 10)

Councillor T Kemp had raised the Buxton Town Team Safer Walk and Ride Initiative with the Executive member for Regeneration, Tourism and Leisure. The question had been circulated and asked what arrangements are in hand to progress the initiative and, in particular, give details of how the local knowledge and experience of the appropriate ward members will be involved in the Council's investigation and evaluation of the proposals.

Councillor D Greenhalgh advised that the initiative was led by Buxton Town Team and the wider Travel Action Plan, with funding from April 2021. More information was being gathered, a briefing note would be circulated to members and there would be an item for consideration at a future committee meeting.

Some concern about the cycle route was expressed and it was advised that the Town Team were collating responses and that a presentation was available on their website.

20/49 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC
(Agenda Item 11)

RESOLVED: That the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items as there may be disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

20/50 EXEMPT MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING
(Agenda Item 12)

RESOLVED: That the exempt minutes of the meeting held on 29 July 2020 be approved as a correct record.

20/51 HIF PROGRAMME AND FAIRFIELD ROUNDABOUT UPDATE - APPENDIX 2
(Agenda Item 13)

HIF Programme and Fairfield Roundabout project costs were outlined.

RESOLVED: That the project costs be noted.



The meeting concluded at 7.48pm

CHAIRMAN