

## ECONOMY AND GROWTH SELECT COMMITTEE

**Meeting: Thursday, 25 March 2021 at 6.30 pm in Virtual Meeting**

Present: Councillor E Siddall (Chair)

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

Councillors A Barrow, J Collins, D Greenhalgh, D Lomax, A McKeown, J Todd and S Young were also in attendance

An apology for absence was received from Councillor L Grooby

**20/73 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**  
(Agenda Item 4)

A meeting of Select Committee Chairs to consider the work programme was requested.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 4 February 2021 be approved as a correct record.

**20/74 HIGH PEAK LOCAL PLAN REVIEW**  
(Agenda Item 5)

Consideration was given to keeping the Local Plan up to date and reviewed within 5 years of adoption to ensure relevant development plan policies and to reflect emerging government planning policy guidance and regulations. Neighbourhood Plans, changing shopping habits, objection to the planned Glossop bypass, infrastructure and a wider transport vision were discussed.

RESOLVED:

1. That the requirement for the Council to review the Local Plan at least every five years be noted.
2. That the Local Plan Steering Group review the Group's proposed draft Terms of Reference to consider development plan policy evidence and analysis.
3. That following the Local Plan Steering Group's consideration of development plan policy evidence base and analysis, a further Executive Report be prepared setting out conclusions and recommendations for updating the Local Plan and the timetable for statutory preparation processes.

**20/75 NATIONAL PLANNING POLICY FRAMEWORK AND NATIONAL DESIGN CODE : CONSULTATION PROPOSALS**  
(Agenda Item 6)

Consideration was given to current consultation on revisions to the National Planning Policy Framework and the new National Model Design Code. A draft response to the consultation was also considered.

Concerns over beauty, beautification, subjectivity and environmental schemes were raised. The current policy for electric vehicles and charging points was included and the Design Code could be promoted. Innovative practice, chargers on lamp posts, electricity supply and retro fitting buildings were also discussed.

RESOLVED:

1. That the consultation proposals and their possible implications be noted.
2. That the draft response to the consultation, Appendix 4 to the report, be approved and submitted, subject to the rephrasing of Option 1 as the better of the two available options.

**20/76 SELECT COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME**  
(Agenda Item 7)

It was reported that an Information Digest on the Covid Recovery Programme would shortly be circulated. A Covid Recovery Programme report would also be presented to the July meeting and include updates on shop unit vacancies, tourism, website and possibly the Peak Park. Updates on the Future High Street Fund and the Safer Walk and Ride Initiative were requested.

RESOLVED: That the updated work programme be noted.

**20/77 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 8)

Councillor Siddall had raised a question. With the government only extending the payment holiday for retail hospitality and leisure would the executive member write to the chancellor and ask him to give businesses 12 month payment holiday to allow them to recover from the pandemic ? Councillor Greenhalgh advised that appeals against decisions were not being allowed. He added that more support for businesses would be welcomed and agreed to write to the Government.

**20/78 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**  
(Agenda Item 9)

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.

**20/79 TO APPROVE THE EXEMPT MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**  
(Agenda Item 10)

RESOLVED: That the exempt minutes of the meeting held on 4 February 2021 be approved as a correct record.

**20/80 BUILDING CONTROL OPERATION - TRANSFER TO DERBYSHIRE CONSORTIUM**  
(Agenda Item 11)

Arrangements for the Council's Building Control Service which have been in place since 2016 were reviewed.

**20/81 MARKET STREET DEPOT, BUXTON - DISPOSAL**  
(Agenda Item 12)

Consideration was given to the intention to dispose of the freehold title to the Council owned depot and car park at Market Street in Buxton.

The meeting concluded at 8.11 pm

**CHAIRMAN**