

## ECONOMY AND GROWTH SELECT COMMITTEE

**Meeting: Thursday, 20 October 2022 at 6.30 pm in Virtual Meeting**

Present: Councillor E Siddall (Chair)

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

Councillor J Collins, D Greenhalgh, D Lomax, A McKeown, K Sizeland, J Todd and S Young were also in attendance.

An apology for absence was received from Councillor E Lawson.

**23/21 TO RECEIVE DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST ON ANY MATTERS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE**  
(Agenda Item 2)

None.

**23/22 ANY MATTERS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE UNDER THE CALL-IN PROCEDURE**  
(Agenda Item 3)

None.

**23/23 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**  
(Agenda Item 4)

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 14 July 2022 be approved as a correct record.

**23/24 SELECT COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME**  
(Agenda Item 5)

Tour of Buxton Opera House to be confirmed for 5.45pm prior to Economy and Growth Select Committee on Thursday, 24 November 2022. Buxton Opera House Vision to be the first item on that agenda.

Future High Street Fund updates were requested to every meeting, in part 2 and oral if necessary. A possible joint Corporate and Economy and Growth Select Committee was being discussed.

Items remaining and deleted from the Work Programme were discussed. Waterswallows and Bowden Lane were still being worked on. There had been a recent bid for the Nestle site. Updates on Miry Meadows and Industrial Units capacity would be sought. The work programme would continue to be considered by the work programming group.

RESOLVED: That the Select Committee Work Programme as amended be noted.

**23/25 HPBC RESPONDING TO THE COST OF LIVING CRISIS - ENERGY**  
(Agenda Item 6)

Consideration was given to the support which the Council currently provides to residents in the face of the cost-of-living crisis, and specifically rising energy costs and the predicted future energy price increases in October 2022. Options for the provision of additional support to residents were also considered.

Discussion took place on:

- Awaiting details of emerging funding opportunities.
- Warm hubs and grants for organisations to run warmer spaces.
- Welcoming Space information available from Kim Gilmore.
- Local Authority Delivery aimed at the private sector.
- Possible Sustainable Development project funding.
- Warm room warm space projects in New Mills.
- Limited funding available to retrofit houses and possibly offering low payment schemes
- Accessing funds and the bidding process.

RESOLVED:

1. That the Executive be recommended to note the action being taken to respond to the cost of living crisis.
2. That the Executive be recommended to support the creation of a Fuel Bank for the High Peak to support those residents paying for their household energy via a pre-payment meter and who are experiencing fuel poverty.

**23/26 NUTRIENT NEUTRALITY UPDATE - PRESENTATION**  
(Agenda Item 7)

There was a presentation updating members on Nutrient Neutrality. Advice, implications, national and local responses were outlined.

Discussion took place on:

- Implications for 5 year housing supply and removal of some sites without planning consent.
- Unlikely future relaxation of requirements.
- Small increase in population.
- Agriculture and use of herbicides/pesticides.

RESOLVED:

That the presentation be received with thanks.

**23/27 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)

Questions and responses that were intended to be considered at the Council meeting were available on the Council website. There were no supplementary questions from Councillors P Hardy, J Haken and T Ashton, who had raised the questions.

**23/28 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**  
(Agenda Item 9)

RESOLVED:

That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business as there may be disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part I of the Local Government Act 1972.

**23/29 EXEMPT MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**  
(Agenda Item 10)

RESOLVED:

That the exempt minutes of the meeting held on 14 July 2022 be approved as a correct record.

**23/30 FUTURE HIGH STREET FUND DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY UPDATE**  
(Agenda Item 11)

Members received an update and discussed the Future High Street Fund Development Strategy.

The meeting concluded at 8.41 pm

**CHAIRMAN**