



ECONOMY AND GROWTH SELECT COMMITTEE

Meeting: Thursday, 8 June 2023 at 6.30 pm in Octagon Lounge, Pavilion Gardens, Buxton

Present: Councillor E Siddall (Chair)

Councillors N Clarke, S Evans, P Hacking, C Payne, R Quinn, P Reddy (substitute for K Kirkham), G Scott and K Sizeland

In Attendance: Councillor(s) A Barrow, G Claff, A McKeown and J Todd

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D Capper, I Huddleston, K Kirkham and P Roberts

24/1 TO RECEIVE DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST ON ANY MATTERS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE
(Agenda Item 2)

There were no disclosures of interest.

24/2 ANY MATTERS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE UNDER THE CALL-IN PROCEDURE
(Agenda Item 3)

None

24/3 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING
(Agenda Item 4)

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 16 March 2023 be approved as a correct record.

24/4 BITE SIZE BRIEFING (PRESENTATION)
(Agenda Item 5)

The Executive Director (Place) made a presentation to the committee which set out:

- The Council's Decision Making Process
- Forward Plan
- Overview and Scrutiny arrangements
- Review of Scrutiny
- Role of Corporate Select Committee
- The development of a work programme
- Task & Finish Groups

- The role of officers

Members were informed about the recent review of scrutiny undertaken by the Centre for Governance and Scrutiny, which made recommendations for further improvements including the establishment of a Select Committee Work Programming Group to oversee Work Programme prioritisation and Member Development. The Work Programme is to be developed using a prioritisation tool (PAPER) and will be developed further following the priority setting workshop.

The Leader requested that should members have any requests for items to be scrutinised, that they be submitted to the Chair and Vice-Chair, prior to consideration at the Work Programme Planning Group.

It was noted that training around scrutiny would be provided in the Autumn.

Significant projects that the council are involved in and will require scrutiny include Future High Street Fund, Investment in the Crescent and Crescent Heritage Trust and other significant regeneration projects.

Particular reference was made to the Local Plan Working Group which will be taking forward the review of the Local Plan, and elements of policy development and the growth strategy work will be taken forward via that group.

RESOLVED:

That the presentation be noted.

24/5 NUTRIENT NEUTRALITY - UPDATE (Agenda Item 6)

The Committee received an update on the progress of the nutrient neutrality strategy and action for the Borough which seeks to address this.

Specific reference was made to the current position as set out at paragraph 6.8 of the report, which set out the work ongoing to develop a Nutrient Neutrality Strategy and Action Plan which will also inform the review of the Local Plan. The Action Plan, amongst other outputs, will deliver a regional specific nutrient calculator which can be used to determine whether a proposed development is likely to trigger an increase in phosphate loading and what this change would be, to then enable mitigation options to be applied.

The following matters were discussed:

- Flood risk which can be mitigated by wetlands and encourage bio diversity
- Developer responsibilities in terms of mitigation

- The need for collaborative working across agencies and with developers
- The application of the National Credit Scheme where developments lie outside the SAC
- SUDs and retro fitting – policy implications to consider as part of the review of the Local Plan
- Obligation on water companies to clean up polluted waterways

RESOLVED:

That the progress to date be noted.

24/6 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 7)

None

24/7 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC
(Agenda Item 8)

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

24/8 FUTURE HIGH STREET FUND - PRESENTATION
(Agenda Item 9)

The Committee received a presentation around the Buxton Future High Street Fund (FHSF), for their information.

The meeting concluded at

CHAIRMAN