

Chairman - Councillor R P Cooke

Present (for all or part of the meeting):-

Councillors:

L Bakker-Collier

J A Barron

B M Cross

I E Davies

W J Kemp

D B Price

R M Sutherland

C V Trowbridge

Cabinet Member:-

Councillor F Beatty - Economic Development and Planning Portfolio

Officers in attendance:-

Mr R Gatensbury - Economic Development Manager

Mrs A Kendall - Deputy Chief Accountant

Mr R Simpson - Customer Services Group Manager

Mr A Bailey - Scrutiny Officer

EDP22 **Minutes**

The Minutes of the last meeting held on 13 November 2018, having been published in Digest No 249, were submitted and signed.

EDP23 **Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors C A Baron, M E Jennings (Substitute D B Price) and J K Price (Substitute I E Davies).

EDP24 **Inward Investment and Business Support**

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Development (V3 30/11/18) that provided Members with an overview of business support and inward investment activities that were taking place in the Borough.

The Committee discussed the following aspects of the report with the Cabinet Member - Economic Development and Planning Portfolio, the Economic Development Manager, the Customer Services Group Manager and the Deputy Chief Accountant:-

- Measures in place to ensure that any financial support was offered to businesses that were financially stable
- Clarification of private sector match funding
- An explanation of the Greater Birmingham and Solihull LEP Business Growth Programme
- The implications of Brexit on European funding
- Support available for businesses in the northern part of Stafford town centre
- Support provided to businesses and car parking in Stone
- Clarification of the drop-in sessions at Raleigh Hall
- Support provided to rural enterprises
- Stafford Retail Business Rate Reduction Scheme
- An explanation of the Ingestre Orangery Heritage Pod
- The need for a practical demonstration of the Borough Council's website "Tractivity" search tool

RESOLVED:- that in exercise of the powers delegated to the Committee, the report be noted.

EDP25 **Economic Development and Planning Portfolio - General Fund Revenue Budget 2018/2019 - 2021/2022 and Capital Programme 2018/2019 - 2021-2022**

This matter had been considered by Cabinet on 6 December 2018 and was submitted to this Committee for consultation.

Considered the report of the Head of Finance regarding the draft detailed Economic Development and Planning Portfolio revenue budget for 2018/2019 - 2021/2022 and the draft Economic Development and Planning Portfolio Capital Programme for 2018/2019 - 2021/2022 (V2 9/11/18).

The report related to the following:-

- The detailed portfolio revenue budget;
- The variations between the indicative budgets for 2019/2020 and 2020/2021, as set out last year, and the proposed budget for 2019/2020 and the draft budget for the following years to 2021/2022;
- The proposed Capital programme 2018/2019 - 2021/2022.

The Committee discussed the following aspects of the report with the Deputy Chief Accountant, the Customer Services Group Manager and the Economic Development Manager:-

- Employee Expenses during 2020-2021
- Third Party Payments for Building Control
- Premises related expenditure for Off-Street Parking Services
- Borough Markets Net Expenditure
- Planning Fee Income

- Land Charges budget split
- Markets Reduced Operational Costs
- Removal of Sainsburys income from budget offset by Fairway additional income
- Growth Point Capital
- New Gypsy and Traveller Site

RESOLVED:- that in exercise of the powers delegated to the Committee, the decision of the Cabinet, as set out in Minute No CAB36(iii)/18, regarding the draft detailed Economic Development and Planning Portfolio revenue budget for 2018/2019 - 2021/2022 and the draft Economic Development and Planning Portfolio Capital Programme for 2018/2019 - 2021/2022, be noted.

EPD26 **Work Programme - Economic Development and Planning Scrutiny Committee**

Considered the report of the Head of Law and Administration, which presented the Economic Development and Planning Scrutiny Committee's Work Programme (V1 21/11/18) for forthcoming meetings up to February 2019.

RESOLVED:- that in exercise of the powers delegated to the Committee, the Work Programme (V1 21/11/18) be noted, subject to the amendments made at the meeting.

CHAIRMAN