

Chair - Councillor W J Kemp

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

Councillors:

A G Cooper

B M Cross

A S Harp

P W Jones

P A Leason

G P K Pardesi

M Phillips

M J Winnington

Also Present:-

Councillor J K Price - Environment Portfolio

Officers in attendance:-

Miss M Smith - Strategic Business Manager - Development

Mrs E Fullagar - Chief Accountant

Ms J McCloy - Deputy Chief Accountant

Mr R Simpson - Interim Head of Operations

Mr A Bailey - Scrutiny Officer

EDP9 **Minutes**

The Minutes of the last meeting held on 27 June 2019, having been published in Digest No 257, were submitted and signed, subject to the clarification of Performance Indicator LI4 - number of jobs created.

EDP10 **Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J A Barron (Substitute P W Jones), F Beatty (Economic Development and Planning Portfolio) and J M Pert (Community and Health Portfolio).

EDP11 **Economic Development and Planning Portfolio - Final Accounts 2018/2019**

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Finance in relation to the Final Accounts position for the Economic Development and Planning Portfolio for the financial year ended 31 March 2019.

Members were informed that the revenue outturn for 2018/2019 showed a net income of £42,919 which represented a favourable variance of £149,739 as compared to the annual budget of £106,820.

The Committee discussed the following aspects of the report with the Chief Accountant:-

- Parking reduced enforcement and lower operating costs
- Staffordshire County Council Contributions to Doxey Road Car Park
- Additional Street Naming Income
- Reduced Planning Fee Income
- Stafford and Stone Markets
- Capital Portfolio slippages

RESOLVED:- that in exercise of the powers delegated to the Committee, the Final Accounts position for the year ended 31 March 2019 be noted.

EDP12 **Performance Reporting 2019-20**

The Committee considered the performance management details for those areas within the remit of the Committee for the quarter 1 period up to 30 June 2019.

The Committee discussed the following aspects of the report with the Interim Head of Operations, the Strategic Business Manager - Development and the Chief Accountant:-

- LI2 - % increase in footfall associated with major events in Stafford Town Centre
- LI3 - Stafford Retail Premises occupancy rates at 90%
- LI4 - Stone Retail Premises occupancy rates at 98%
- LI6 - Area of open space to new houses approved
- 1.1.2 - Continue to supply affordable housing working with Registered Providers and Homes England
- 1.2.6 - Provide new leisure and recreation facilities
- 1.2.7 - Source and develop new gypsy and traveller sites
- 1.3.3 - Unlock economic activities in our rural areas
- 1.4.2 - Embed high quality design into Planning Policy to ensure that Stafford is an attractive place that people want to live in, promoting healthy lifestyles and supporting future investment
- 1.5.2 - Stafford Brooks Project
- 1.6.1 - To ensure that policies and codes of practice for the construction and operation of HS2 through the Borough adequately protect residents in terms of compensation, and mitigate any adverse environmental affects and protect biodiversity
- 1.6.2 - Monitoring of HS2 construction works to ensure approved policies and codes of practice has been implemented
- Parking enforcement costs (to be reimbursed £66,000)
- Development Management reduced income £51,000
- Forward Planning Staffing Variations

RESOLVED:- that in exercise of the powers delegated to the Committee, the performance management data relating to areas of activity within this Committee's remit be noted.

EPD13 **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 for forthcoming meetings up to February 2020.

RESOLVED:- that in exercise of the powers delegated to the Committee, the Work Programme be noted, subject to the amendments made at the meeting.

CHAIR