

Minutes of the Economic Development and Planning Scrutiny Committee held at the Civic Centre, Riverside, Stafford on Thursday 5 January 2023

Chairman - Councillor W J Kemp

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

Councillors:

C A Baron R A James
J A Barron E G R Jones
R J Barron M Phillips
R M Cross

B M Cross R M Sutherland

A T A Godfrey

Also present:-

Cabinet Member:

Councillor F Beatty - Economic Development and Planning Portfolio

Councillor A T A Godfrey

Officers in attendance:-

Mr C Jordan - Interim Head of Development

Mr C Forrester - Head of Finance

Miss M Smith - Economic Growth and Strategic Projects Manager

Mrs E Fullagar - Chief Accountant
Mr J Holmes - Development Manager

Mr A Bailey - Scrutiny Officer

EDP26 Minutes

The Minutes of the last meetings held on 15 November 2022 as previously published on the Council's website, were submitted.

EDP27 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors R Kenney (Substitute R J Barron), D McNaughton (Substitute A T A Godfrey) and J A Nixon (Substitute R M Sutherland).

EDP28 Economic Growth Development and Regeneration Projects Updates

Considered the report of the Interim Head of Development (V1 16/12/2022) updating Committee on progress across a number of key development and regeneration projects within Stafford and Stafford Borough.

The Committee discussed the following aspects of the report with the Cabinet Member (Economic Development and Planning Portfolio), the Interim Head of Development and the Economic Growth and Strategic Projects Manager:-

- Market Square Renovation
- Station Approach
- Stafford Station Gateway
- Meecebrook Garden community
- Levelling Up Fund Round 2
- UK Shared Prosperity Fund
- Rural England Prosperity Fund

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

EDP29 Economic Development and Planning Portfolio - General Fund Revenue Budget 2022/2023 - 2025/2026 and Capital Programme 2022/2023 - 2025/2026

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Finance (V1 05/12/22) in relation to the draft detailed Economic Development and Planning Portfolio revenue budget for 2022/2023 - 2025/2026 and the draft Economic Development and Planning Portfolio Capital Programme for 2022/2023 - 2025/2026.

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

- Remove Concessionary Parking
- Christmas Lights Switch on Fireworks Display
- Development Management Net Expenditure
- Off Street Parking Services Third Party Payments
- Borough Markets Net Expenditure
- Capital Programme New Gypsy and Traveller Site

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

EDP30 Work Programme - Economic Development and Planning Scrutiny Committee

Considered the report of the Head of Law and Administration (V2 15/12/22), which presented the Economic Development and Planning Scrutiny Committee's Work Programme for the forthcoming meetings up to February 2023.

RESOLVED:- that in exercise of the powers delegated to the Committee, the Work Programme be approved.

CHAIR