

# Minutes of the Economic Development and Planning Scrutiny Committee held at the Civic Centre, Riverside, Stafford on Tuesday 7 March 2023

Chairman - Councillor W J Kemp

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

Councillors:

C A Baron D McNaughton
J A Barron J A Nixon
B M Cross M Phillips

E G R Jones

Also present:-

Cabinet Member:

Councillor F Beatty - Economic Development and Planning Portfolio Councillor C V Trowbridge - Leisure Portfolio

Officers in attendance:-

Mr C Jordan - Interim Head of Development Mr P Beckley - Building Control Manager

Mr A Bailey - Scrutiny Officer

#### **EDP31 Minutes**

The Minutes of the last meeting held on 5 January 2023 as previously published on the Council's website, were submitted.

#### **EDP32** Apologies

An apology for absence was received from Councillor R Kenney.

#### **EDP33** Economic Growth Development and Regeneration Projects Updates

Considered the report of the Interim Head of Development (V1 27/02/2022) 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) and the Interim Head of Development:-

- Market Square Renovation
- Station Approach
- Stafford Station Gateway

- Meecebrook Garden Community
- UK Shared Prosperity Fund
- Levelling Up Fund Round 2
- Rural England Prosperity Fund

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

#### **EDP34** Quarter 3 Performance Report

The Committee considered the performance management details for those areas within the remit of the Committee for the quarter 3 period up to 31 December 2022 (V1 21/02/23).

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 Building Control Manager:-

- LI2 Number of new start-ups in commercial premises, shared space or domestic properties
- Building Control
- 1.1.1 Review and assess all key programmes and major projects
- 1.2.2 Work with Registered Providers, Developers and Homes England to deliver 210 affordable homes per year
- 1.2.3 Improve and maintain performance of Development Management
- 1.2.4 Improve and maintain performance of local land charges
- 1.3.1 Delivery of the Stafford Town Centre Transformation Programme
- 1.4.2 Promote our visitor economy to demonstrate the offer in the Borough
- 1.4.3 Unlock economic opportunities in our rural areas
- 1.4.4 Support the facilitation of lifelong learning to create a local workforce with specialist skills that can respond to growth ambitions

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.

## EDP35 Work Programme - Economic Development and Planning Scrutiny Committee

Considered the report of the Head of Law and Administration (V1 20/02/23), 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.

### **EDP36** Vote of Thanks

The Chairman thanked the Committee for all of their hard work over the last four years. In response the Committee thanked the Chair for his chairmanship of the Committee over the last four years.

**CHAIR**