

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 11 SEPTEMBER 2017

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NORTH EAST DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

HELD ON 11 SEPTEMBER 2017

Present:

Councillor R Smith Chair

Councillor P Antcliff

“ J Austen
“ N Barker
“ B Barnes
“ J Barry
“ G Baxter MBE
“ L Blanshard
“ S Boyle
“ A Cooper
“ C Cupit
“ A Dale
“ S Ellis
“ Miss M Emmens
“ A Garrett
“ M Gordon
“ R Hall
“ D Hancock

Councillor G Hopkinson

“ C Hunt
“ P R Kerry
“ H Laws
“ J Lilley
“ T Mansbridge
“ S Peters
“ A Powell
“ B Rice
“ Mrs L Robinson
“ K Rouse
“ D Skinner
“ Mrs C A Smith
“ L Stone
“ K Tait
“ R Welton
“ J Windle
“ B Wright

237 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors W Armitage, G Butler, S Cornwell, P Elliott, Mrs A Foster, M Foster, Mrs E A Hill, J Hill, Mrs P A Holmes, Mrs C D Huckerby, B Lewis, G Morley, T Reader, B Ridgway, Mrs J Ridgway and M E Thacker

238 Declarations of Interest

Members were requested to declare the existence and nature of any disclosable pecuniary interest and/or other interest, not already on their register of interests, in any item on the agenda and withdraw from the meeting at the appropriate time.

No declarations of interest were made at the meeting.

239 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 31 July 2017

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 31 July 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

240 Chair's Announcements

The Chair advised the Council of upcoming events, including the World Peace Day taking place on 21 September 2017 at Unstone Village Hall, the Brass Band Festival on 23 September 2017 and a Charity Auction in aid of the Chair's chosen charities on 28 November 2017.

The Chair thanked all those who had taken part in the Charity Bake-Off Competition that had taken place before the Council meeting and for the donations to the Charity Appeal, together with the proceeds from the Bake Sale.

241 Public Participation

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule No 8 members of the public were allowed to ask questions about the Council's activities for a period of up to 15 minutes. The replies to any such questions will be given by the appropriate Cabinet Member. Questions must be received in writing or by email to the Monitoring Officer by 12 noon seven clear working days before the meeting.

No questions from the public had been submitted.

242 Minutes of Meetings held between 17 July and 25 August 2017

Council considered the following Minutes of meetings held between 17 July and 25 August 2017:-

	MEETING	DATE
(a)	Organisation Scrutiny Committee	19 July 2017
(b)	Growth Scrutiny Committee	20 July 2017
(c)	Standards Committee	20 July 2017
(d)	Communities Scrutiny Committee	21 July 2017
(e)	Joint Employment Committee	26 July 2017
(f)	Audit & Corporate Governance Scrutiny Committee	27 July 2017
(g)	Planning Committee	1 August 2017 2 August 2017 – Special
(h)	Cabinet	2 August 2017

In relation to Cabinet Minute No 196 Councillor Dale asked for information on the Council's performance on the Corporate Plan target relating to bringing empty properties back in to use.

Councillor Baxter, Leader of the Council, advised that following staffing changes in the Housing Strategy Department further work would be undertaken in this area and reported to Members in due course.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the meetings held between 17 July and 25 August 2017 as set out above be noted.

243 Questions from Members under Procedure Rule No 9.2

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule No 9.2 Members were permitted to ask the Chair of the Council or relevant Committee or the appropriate Cabinet Member questions about Council activities.

No questions had been submitted under Procedure Rule No 9.2 for this meeting.

244 Motions from Members under Procedure Rule No 10

No motions had been submitted under Procedure Rule No 10 for this meeting.

245 Growth Strategy

Council considered a report of Councillor G Baxter MBE, Leader of the Council, which presented an update on the Growth Strategy 2014-2024 and sought approval for the production of a revised Growth Strategy in consultation with stakeholders and other agencies.

The Assistant Director – Economic Growth gave a presentation to Members which highlighted some of the achievements made under the current Strategy within the three strategic priorities:-

- Supporting Enterprise – maintaining and growing a business base;
- Enabling Housing Growth – increasing the supply, quality and range of housing to meet the needs of a growing population and support economic growth;
- Unlocking Development Potential – unlocking the capacity of major employment sites.

Members discussed that there were further areas of growth that the Council was pursuing, wider than the Growth Strategy, such as the new joint venture which had been established, Northwood, and the partnership working in building new houses through Rykneld Homes.

The Assistant Director – Economic Growth advised Members that the Council was in active dialogue with other public sector organisations and partners to support enterprise and pursue development opportunities, including looking at options for how existing services can be delivered differently.

Members discussed the importance of attracting new businesses and growing the Business Rates base, as well as supporting key towns and villages within the District to ensure their viability.

RESOLVED – That Council:-

- (1) Notes the progress made in achieving the objectives set out in the Growth Strategy.
- (2) Endorses a review of the Growth Strategy and notes that a revised version will be presented to Cabinet and Council in due course.

246 Ambition, Local Integration Board and Sheffield City Region Early Intervention Pilot

Council considered a report of Councillor G Baxter MBE, Leader of the Council, which provided Council with an overview of the outcomes achieved through the Ambition Sheffield City Region (SCR) Programme and recommended the formation of a Local Integration Board to support the Sheffield City Region early intervention Employment Pilot, as well as collaborative working with Sheffield City Council as a potential delivery partner.

Members were shown a video showing success stories of young people who had been to through the Ambition Project and explained the positive impact the project had on them.

The Assistant Director – Economic Growth outlined the success of the Programme which achieved the targets which had been set.

Council were also advised of a related programme to the Ambition Project on housing needs for young people which established a pathway approach to help young people avoid homelessness. The project was recognised as a model of Best Practice and was showcased at the House of Commons in 2016 to a parliamentary group of Coalfield MPs.

It was further recommended to Council that the opportunity to work with an early intervention scheme through the Sheffield City Region be explored. The project would be supported by the setting up of Local Integration Boards to help reduce and manage blockages from local delivery services that might impede the journey in to work of disadvantaged people and those at risk of becoming long term job seekers across the region. It was proposed at this stage that North East Derbyshire District Council work collaboratively and explore with Sheffield City Council the possible local delivery options to support the delivery of the Employment Programme across the local area.

Members discussed that they were encouraged to hear the success stories of the young people who had been through the Ambition Project and supported the proposal to continue providing employment support through the early intervention scheme proposed.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That Council notes the success to date of Ambition SCR.

- (2) That Council approves that North East Derbyshire District Council work collaboratively with Sheffield City Council as a sub-contractor to deliver the Sheffield City Region Early Intervention Employment Pilot across North East Derbyshire, Bolsover and Chesterfield.
- (3) That one Local Integration Board be set up to cover the three local authority areas and governance arrangements are developed for the newly formed Local Integration Board. This will be in conjunction with partner local authorities.
- (4) That Council notes that Cabinet will received the Local Integration Board Framework for approval in due course which will provide full details on the Local Integration Plan.
