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To: **Members of the Growth Scrutiny Committee**

Please attend a meeting of the Growth Scrutiny Committee to be held on **Monday, 18 January 2021 at 1.00 pm**. The meeting will be held through virtual meeting software. Access credentials to the meeting will be sent to you under separate cover.

The public parts of the meeting will be streamed from the Council's website on its 'You Tube' channel.

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- RA – Return to Work Mill Lane Covid 19 V13
- Mill Lane Coronavirus Control Measures V8

Both documents have been emailed to Members and are available on the Modern.Gov App library.

The same advice is given to officers who are also encouraged to participate in the meeting remotely.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sarah Skubey".

Joint Head of Corporate Governance and Monitoring Officer

## Members of the Committee

<u>Conservative Group</u>	<u>Labour Group</u>	<u>Independent Group</u>
Councillor Michelle Emmens Councillor Anthony Hutchinson Councillor Michael Roe Councillor Diana Ruff Councillor Nick Whitehead	Councillor Nigel Barker Councillor Suzy Cornwell Councillor Lee Hartshorne	Councillor John Funnell

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## A G E N D A

**1 Apologies for Absence**

**2 Declarations of Interest**

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

**3 Minutes of Last Meeting (Pages 4 - 6)**

To approve as a correct record and the Chair to sign the Informal Minutes of the Growth Scrutiny Committee held on 9 November 2020.

**4 Growth Strategy**

To further discuss the new Growth Strategy and receive a presentation from the Director of Growth & Economic Development.

**5 Tourism Strategy - TO FOLLOW**

To further discuss the new Tourism Strategy.

**6 Forward Plan of Executive Decisions**

To consider the Forward Plan of Executive Decisions. Please note, the most up-to-date Forward Plan of Executive Decisions can be accessed via the following link:-

<https://democracy.ne-derbyshire.gov.uk/mgListPlans.aspx?RPId=1137&RD=0&bcr=1>

**7 Work Programme (Pages 7 - 11)**

To consider the Work Programme for the Growth Scrutiny Committee 2020/21 and review the proposed workload.

## 8 Additional Urgent Items

To consider any other matter which the Chair of the Committee is of the opinion should be considered as a matter of urgency.

## 9 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Growth Scrutiny Committee will be held on Monday, 22 February 2021 at 1.00 pm.



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your language*

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*Mówimy Twoim językiem*

**French**

*Nous parlons votre langue*

**Spanish**

*Hablamos su  
idioma*

**Slovak**

*Rozprávame Vaším  
jazykom*

**Chinese**

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## **GROWTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

### **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 9 NOVEMBER 2020**

#### **Present:**

Councillor Anthony Hutchinson (Chair)

Councillor Nigel Barker  
Councillor John Funnell  
Councillor Michael Roe

Councillor Suzy Cornwell  
Councillor Lee Hartshorne

#### **Also Present:**

A Heath	Derbyshire County Council
D Stanton	Governance Officer
S Veerman	Overview and Scrutiny Manager

#### **GSC/32/ Apologies for Absence** 20-21

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors M Emmens, D Ruff and N Whitehead.

#### **GSC/33/ Declarations of Interest** 20-21

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

There were no interests declared at this meeting.

#### **GSC/34/ Minutes of Last Meeting** 20-21

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Growth Scrutiny Committee held on 7 September 2020 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

#### **GSC/35/ Change of Order of Agenda Items** 20-21

The Chair agreed to take the next agenda items in the following order.

#### **GSC/36/ Scrutiny Review** 20-21

(a) The Committee welcomed Andy Heath, Bolsover Countryside Partnership Manager to the meeting.

Members heard that the officer had worked on a variety of projects involving sustainable tourism in the Bolsover area, with a view to support and enhance the environment, residents' health and wellbeing, the local economy, carbon reduction and sustainable travel.

Members were informed about a number of projects that the officer was co-ordinating including the 'visit, sleep, cycle, repeat' initiative. Members noted that considerable amounts of funding had been secured to invest in the initiative area which included parts of North East Derbyshire, Bolsover, Chesterfield, Mansfield, Worksop and South Yorkshire.

The Bolsover Countryside Partnership Manager discussed a number of attractions in North East Derbyshire such as the Five Pits Trail, the Pleasley Pit Trail and the Cuckoo Way. Members noted that connectivity was vital for a vibrant and sustainable visitor economy.

The Committee discussed potential connectivity sites in North East Derbyshire, and that there was a growing market in that area of sustainable tourism, demonstrated with the multi-million pound investment in neighbouring local authorities.

Members heard about a number of feasibility studies which were taking place in Bolsover. One of the outcomes was that within a one hour drive, there was nearly four million people who could access Bolsover's attractions. It was stated that similar feasibility studies could be done in North East Derbyshire.

The officer commented that one of the biggest challenges was to establish a clear identity and brand for the visitor economy in the area. Consultants in Bolsover had identified that the area should be based around what it offered, such as cycling routes and networks, and not geographic location, such as it being located near the Peak District. The Committee heard that going forward, it would be useful for all neighbouring authorities to work together and collectivise the Pits Trails.

The Bolsover Countryside Partnership Manager commented that the District lacked infrastructure around cycle routes, such as cafes and shops, and that infrastructure was vital if the 'visit, sleep, cycle, repeat' initiative was to be a success.

The Committee had a wide ranging discussion on tourism and the potential for North East Derbyshire to develop a successful visitor economy. Members enquired about the plans for HS2 and the implications on the District's attractions.

Members heard that Cabinet was due to consider a potential partnership with the Countryside Partnership in the near future.

Members thanked the officer for attending the meeting.

*The officer then left the meeting.*

RESOLVED – That the update be noted.

(b) Calagran Four Paws/Shady Hall Farm

These interviews did not take place because the business owners were unable to attend due to circumstances.

(c) Discussion on Next Steps and any Further Interviews

The Overview and Scrutiny Manager informed Members that the Portfolio Holder for Economic Growth, and the Director of Growth and Economic Development, were due to attend the next meeting to discuss the Council's Growth and Tourism Strategies.

Members discussed the District's attractions and the potential for further investment and infrastructure. The Committee requested a written answer from a member of the Economic Development Team outlining what the Council was doing to support the areas businesses during the Pandemic.

**GSC/37/  
20-21** Forward Plan of Executive Decisions

AGREED – That the Forward Plan of Executive Decisions be noted.

**GSC/38/  
20-21** Work Programme

AGREED – That the Work Plan be noted.

**GSC/39/  
20-21** Additional Urgent Items

There were no urgent items considered at this meeting of the Growth Scrutiny Committee.

**GSC/40/  
20-21** Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Growth Scrutiny Committee would take place on Monday 18 January 2021 at 1.00 pm.

## GROWTH SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 2020/21

MONDAY AT 1:00 PM

Chair Councillor A Hutchinson

Vice Chair Councillor M Emmens

MEETING DATE	AGENDA ITEM	SCRUTINY ACTIVITY	WHAT IT WILL COVER	UPDATE/COMMENTS
8 <sup>th</sup> June, 2020	Remit of the Committee		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Briefing on Scrutiny:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Scene setting</li> <li>- The terms of reference for the Committee</li> <li>- How the Committee operates, ways of working – Discussion</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Committee Members / Sue Veerman -Overview and Scrutiny Manager
	Draft Work Programme	Consultee, monitor and challenge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To consider items for the draft work programme for the year and any suggested items for inclusion</li> </ul>	Committee Members/ Sue Veerman - Overview and Scrutiny Manager
	Selection of Scrutiny Review Topic	Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To consider suggestions for review and select a topic for the Scrutiny Review</li> <li>• Consider what we want to look at</li> <li>• Consider stakeholders who we want to see</li> </ul>	Committee Members  Items received from officers
	Forward Plan of Executive Decisions	Consultee, monitor and challenge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To consider the Forward Plan of Executive Decisions</li> </ul>	Sue Veerman- Overview and Scrutiny Manager

6 <sup>th</sup> July, 2020 At 10.00 am	Growth Strategy	Consultee, monitor and challenge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To consider an update on progress</li> </ul>	Gill Callingham – Director
	Scrutiny Review	Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scoping of Review including scene setting</li> </ul>	Gill Callingham - Director Karl Apps
	Forward Plan of Executive Decisions	Consultee, monitor and challenge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To consider the Forward Plan of Executive Decisions</li> </ul>	Sue Veerman Overview and Scrutiny Manager
	Scrutiny Work Programme	Consultee, monitor and challenge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To consider the Committees' work programme</li> </ul>	Sue Veerman Overview and Scrutiny Manager
7 <sup>th</sup> September, 2020	Scrutiny Review	Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Previous Scrutiny Review action plan – Tourism</li> <li>➤ Tourism Strategy</li> </ul> </li> <li>Approval of project plan</li> <li>Approval of timetable</li> <li>Drafting of Questions</li> </ul>	Gill Callingham - Director Karl Apps – Housing and Growth Manager

	Growth Summary 2019/20	Monitor and challenge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To consider the End of year update</li> </ul>	Performance Officer – Amar Bashir
	Forward Plan of Executive Decisions	Consultee, monitor and challenge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To consider the Forward Plan of Executive Decisions</li> </ul>	Sue Veerman Overview and Scrutiny Manager
	Scrutiny Work Programme	Consultee, monitor and challenge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To consider the Committees' work programme</li> </ul>	Sue Veerman Overview and Scrutiny Manager
<b>9<sup>th</sup> November, 2020</b>	Scrutiny Review	Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discussion on next steps and any further interviews</li> </ul> <p>Interviews</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1:30 pm Andy Heath (DCC)</li> <li>2:00 pm Calagran Four Paws</li> </ul>	
	Forward Plan of Executive Decisions	Consultee, monitor and challenge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To consider the Forward Plan of Executive Decisions</li> </ul>	Sue Veerman Overview and Scrutiny Manager
	Scrutiny Work Programme	Consultee, monitor and challenge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To consider the Committees' work programme</li> </ul>	Sue Veerman Overview and Scrutiny Manager

<b>18<sup>th</sup> January, 2021</b>	Growth Strategy	Monitor and challenge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To further discuss the new Growth Strategy</li> </ul>	Portfolio Holder Director of Economic Growth and Development
	Tourism Strategy	Monitor and challenge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To further discuss the new Tourism Strategy</li> </ul>	Portfolio Holder
	Forward Plan of Executive Decisions	Consultee, monitor and challenge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To consider the Forward Plan of Executive Decisions</li> </ul>	Sue Veerman - Overview and Scrutiny Manager
	Scrutiny Work Programme	Consultee, monitor and challenge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To consider the Committee's Work Programme</li> </ul>	Sue Veerman - Overview and Scrutiny Manager
<b>22nd February 2021</b>	Partnership Activities in Support of Growth	Monitor and challenge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To consider an update on the work of the Partnership Team</li> </ul>	Steve Lee- Strategic Partnership Co-Ordinator
	Scrutiny Review	Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Triangulation of Evidence</li> </ul>	Committee
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Item to be identified by Committee</li> </ul>	
	Forward Plan of Executive Decisions	Consultee, monitor and challenge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To consider the Forward Plan of Executive Decisions</li> </ul>	Sue Veerman - Overview and Scrutiny Manager
	Scrutiny Work Programme	Consultee, monitor and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To consider the Committee's Work Programme</li> </ul>	Sue Veerman - Overview and Scrutiny Manager

26 <sup>th</sup> April, 2021	Scrutiny Review Report	Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To finalise the Scrutiny Review Report</li> </ul>	
		Monitor and challenge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One Public Estate</li> </ul>	
		Monitor and challenge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Item to be identified by the Committee</li> </ul>	
		Monitor and challenge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Item to be identified by the Committee</li> </ul>	
	Monitoring of O&S recommendations	Monitor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To monitor the implementation of previous committee and review recommendations</li> </ul>	Sue Veerman - Overview and Scrutiny Manager
	Forward Plan of Executive Decisions	Consultee, monitor and challenge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To consider the Forward Plan of Executive Decisions</li> </ul>	Sue Veerman - Overview and Scrutiny Manager
	Scrutiny Work Programme	Consultee, monitor and challenge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To consider whether the Committees' work programme has been completed at year end</li> </ul>	Sue Veerman - Overview and Scrutiny Manager