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## To: Members of the Business Scrutiny Committee

Please attend a meeting of the Business Scrutiny Committee to be held on **Monday, 26 February 2024 at 3.00 pm in Meeting Rooms 1 & 2,** District Council Offices, 2013 Mill Lane, Wingerworth, Chesterfield S42 6NG.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Sheuberg

Assistant Director of Governance and Monitoring Officer

## **Members of the Committee**

Labour Group	Conservative Group	Liberal Democrat Group
Councillor Suzy Cornwell – Chair Councillor Clive Fletcher Councillor Christine Gare Councillor Lee Hartshorne Councillor Tony Lacey	Councillor Stephen Clough Councillor Stephen Reed Councillor Richard Spooner	Councillor David Hancock

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## AGENDA

## 1 Apologies for Absence

## 2 <u>Declarations of Interest</u>

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 5 - 8)

To approve as a correct record and the Chair to sign the Minutes of the Business Scrutiny Committee held on 20 November 2023.

## 4 <u>Draft Notes of the Local Plan Review Working Group</u> (Pages 9 - 11)

Following the announcement at full Council the notes of the meeting are being shared with Scrutiny Committees for their information.

## 5 Clay Cross Regeneration Scheme

To receive an update on the Clay Cross Regeneration Scheme.

Steve Lee, Assistant Director of Regeneration & Programmes

## **Shared Prosperity Fund**

The Committee to ask questions to Officers about the Shared Prosperity Fund.

Steve Lee, Assistant Director of Regeneration & Programmes

#### **7** Performance Management (Pages 12 - 16)

To consider progress made against the Council Plan Targets and Objectives relevant to the Committee and any issues where further progress is required.

Kath Drury, Information, Engagement and Performance Manager and Amar Bashir, Improvement Officer.

## **8 Residents Survey** (Pages 17 - 19)

Committee to discuss the outcomes of the Residents Survey and to determine if they want to look at any areas as part of their Work Programme.

Joe Hayden, Senior Scrutiny Officer / Kath Drury, Information, Engagement and Performance Manager and Richard Shaw, Improvement Officer

## **9** Cabinet Business (Pages 20 - 33)

To inform Committee of recent and forthcoming Cabinet business.

A digest of Cabinet decisions taken since 29 June 2023. This information is published by Cabinet meeting on the Council's website. Cabinet Agendas, Decisions and Minutes can be viewed at: Cabinet

The Forward Plan of Executive decisions.

### **Plans**

These plans are updated to include new business.

Joe Hayden, Senior Scrutiny Officer

#### 10 Work Programme (Pages 34 - 38)

To consider the Committee's Work Programme.

Joe Hayden, Senior Scrutiny Officer

#### 11 Reflection on the Council Plan

To reflect on what the Committee had done to help the Council achieve the goal of making the District a Great Place for our Community.

#### 12 **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.

#### 13 **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Business Scrutiny Committee is scheduled to take place on Monday 13 May 2024 at 3.00 pm.

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## **BUSINESS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

#### MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 20 NOVEMBER 2023

#### Present:

Councillor Suzy Cornwell (Chair) (in the Chair) Councillor Stephen Clough (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Christine Gare Councillor Lee Hartshorne Councillor Stephen Reed Councillor Richard Spooner

#### Also Present:

B Harrison Senior Regeneration Officer and Urban Designer K Drury Information Engagement & Performance Manager

A Maher Governance Manager

T Scott Governance and Scrutiny Officer

## **BSC** Apologies for Absence

18/2

**3-24** Apologies for absence were received from Councillors C Fletcher and T Lacey.

## **BSC** Declarations of Interest

19/2

**3-24** There were no interests declared at this meeting.

## **BSC** Minutes of Last Meeting

20/2

3-24 The Chair wished to clarify that at this meeting, Members would be asked to reflect on what the Committee had been done to help the Council achieve the goal of making the District a 'Great Place to Work'.

The Chair stated that she had become a Member of the Local Plan Review Working Group, and the Committee would be regularly updated with the work of the group. The Committee agreed that a standing agenda item should be added to every future meeting for the Chair to update Members on the work of the Local Plan Review Working Group.

## RESOLVED -

- (1) That the Minutes of the Business Scrutiny Committee held on 18 September 2023 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.
- (2) That a standing agenda item be added to every future meeting for the Chair to update the Committee on the work of the Local Plan Review Working Group.

## **BSC** The Performance Management Framework

21/2

3-24 The Information, Engagement and Performance Manager presented a report with progress on the strategies underpinning the Council Plan objective 'A Great Place to Work' for the period ending 30 September 2023.

Members were updated on progress under the following objective sub-categories in Appendix 1 of the report:

- 1) A community with a diverse range of commutable employment that matches the skills of residents.
- 2) A community with growing, commutable employment opportunities.

Members referred to the '12 UKSPF Shopfront Enhancement Grants awarded to high street businesses' quoted in the Appendix and asked if this amount was positive. The Senior Regeneration Officer and Urban Designer confirmed this was positive, and added that there had been significant activity around the grant.

Members asked whether the planning applications noted in the report related to the private sector, including the 'Redevelopment of Waste Disposal Facility at Doe Lea'. The Information, Engagement and Performance Manager agreed to seek this information from the Assistant Director of Planning.

The Chair felt that the Council Plan objective sub-categories in the Appendix were not specific enough, and should set out explicit figures like 'number of jobs created' and 'number of new businesses'. The Information, Engagement and Performance Manager responded that Performance officers were developing metrics with relevant officers and some of these would be included in future reports. The Senior Regeneration Officer and Urban Designer added that every aspect of what the Council did with businesses would be recorded as part of a new data system in early 2024.

The Information, Engagement and Performance Manager suggested that with these discussions in mind, an annual report on the Council Plan objectives could be presented to the Committee in future so Members did not lose sight of the objectives.

<u>RESOLVED</u> – That progress against the Council Plan "A great place to work" objective was noted.

# BSC <u>Business Sector Analysis</u> 22/2

**3-24** The Senior Regeneration Officer and Urban Designer delivered a presentation to the Committee with an analysis of the North East Derbyshire business base.

The presentation included detailed information on the areas of the analysis and the reasons for the analysis. It also included graphs to display the sector split into number of businesses, employment, enterprises, micro-businesses, business starts and ends and survivability. A map set out the locations of different types of businesses.

Members enquired if the information suggested a lot of people travel outside of the District for their jobs. The Senior Regeneration Officer and Urban Designer confirmed that a significant amount of residents were commuting to outside the District.

Members referred to the '5 Year Survivability of Enterprises Born in 2015 (%)' slide and were concerned that this appeared to be growing smaller over time. Members requested that this graph broken down by sector should be included in the next update to the Committee.

Members also requested that 'job density' information for the whole District should be included in the next update to the Committee.

The Committee asked a number of questions about the role of the Council's partners. Members were advised that the Council worked with a number of partners, and in particular Homes England.

The Senior Regeneration Officer and Urban Designer spoke to the Committee about attracting businesses to the District, and explained that one of the largest issues was having enough land. He added that officers were considering opportunities for the land on the back of the Council's Mill Lane building.

The Chair suggested that social enterprises and charities might be a way to attract businesses.

<u>RESOLVED</u> – That the update be noted.

# BSC <u>Cabinet Business</u> 23/2

3-24 The Governance Manager presented a digest of Cabinet decisions taken since 29 June 2023. The digest set out key information for each decision, including information on how each decision would contribute towards the delivery of the Council Plan.

The Chair indicated that the formatting of the digest's .pdf file made it difficult to view on iPads. The Governance Manager agreed that alternative methods to view the digest would be investigated.

<u>RESOLVED</u> – That the update be noted.

## **BSC** Work Programme

24/2

**3-24** Members requested that Clay Cross Regeneration Scheme be added to the Work Programme for the 26 February 2024 meeting.

Members also requested that officers should be asked to field questions at the 26 February 2024 meeting about the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF).

The Governance Manager suggested that based on earlier discussions about Performance, the Committee could scrutinise how services were achieving Council Plan objectives.

Members considered Internet coverage in the District, and because they felt that Internet quality linked with the amount of people wanting to work in the District, they agreed to add an item to the Work Programme relating to Internet coverage.

Members also agreed to add an item to the Work Programme about how to increase job density.

### RESOLVED -

- (1) That the update be noted.
- (2) That Clay Cross Regeneration Scheme be added to the Work Programme for the 26 February 2024 meeting.
- (3) That officers should be asked to field questions at the 26 February 2024 meeting about the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF).
- (4) That an item be added to the Work Programme relating to Internet coverage in the District.
- (5) That an item be added to the Work Programme relating to increasing job density.

## **BSC** Additional Urgent Items

25/2

**3-24** None.

## **BSC** Reflection

26/2

**3-24** The Chair asked Members to reflect on if the work of the Committee at the meeting had added value to the Council Plan objectives.

The Committee felt they were asking the right questions and scrutinising the correct areas to appropriately oversee the Council Plan objectives.

## **BSC** Date of Next Meeting

27/2 3-24

The next meeting of the Business Scrutiny Committee was scheduled to take place on 26 February 2024 at 3.00 pm.

#### **LOCAL PLAN REVIEW WORKING GROUP**

### NOTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 1 NOVEMBER 2023

#### Present:

Councillor Stephen Pickering (Chair) (in the Chair)

Councillor Caroline Smith
Councillor Stephen Clough
Councillor Michael Durrant
Councillor Lee Hartshorne
Councillor Heather Liggett
Councillor Councillor Councillor Frank Adlington-Stringer
Councillor Andrew Cooper
Councillor David Hancock
Councillor Tony Lacey
Councillor Mick Smith

#### Also Present:

D Thompson Assistant Director of Planning

H Fairfax Planning Policy & Environment Manager

A Maher Governance Manager
A Bond Governance Officer

## LPR/ Apologies for Absence

1/23-24

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Suzy Cornwell and Stuart Fawcett.

## LPR/ The Purpose of the Review Group

2/23-24

Members of the Group introduced themselves before viewing a presentation by The Assistant Director Planning and the Planning Policy & Environment Manager. The presentation outlined the Terms of Reference and the purpose of the Local Plan Review Working Group.

Councillor S Pickering explained that the aim had been to ensure that all political groups across the Council had involvement with the Group and would be able to influence the work that it conducted. He stressed that the process would not be rushed and that it would be both constructive and collaborative.

# LPR/ <u>Discussions Based on the Attached Papers</u> 3/23-

3/23 24

Group were presented with a report which outlined the issues and alternatives relating to a review of the Local Plan, the effectiveness of policies in the Adopted Local Plan and the outcome of a desk top review of the Local Plan.

Members heard that although the Council's Local Plan was adopted two years ago, it had been submitted for examination in May 2018 and had been prepared in line with the provisions of the 2012 National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). Since that time, the NPFF has had numerous changes including the introduction of the national design guide, the standard method for calculating local housing need and an increased emphasis on climate

change.

Officers had undertaken a desk top review of the Local Plan, which utilised the PAS assessment tool to identify if an early update of the Local Plan was likely to be necessary. The review suggested that the local plan was working well overall with the exception of a couple of areas of concern.

Group were also informed that new regulations, policy and guidance necessary for the preparation of the first new style of local plans would be in place by Autumn 2024. Plans would need to be submitted for examination by 30 June 2025. This would leave Council 20 months to secure the relevant evidence, prepare documentation and undertake the necessary consultation.

Members discussed the report at length. They considered the interim findings of the review and the RAG rating associated with each of the monitoring indicators: Green, to indicate that the relevant policies were being implemented effectively. Amber to indicate that there were some issues but these were being managed, and Red to highlight any serious issues.

Working Group discussed whether it would be best to begin work on a new local plan or to focus on a partial update of the current plan.

Councillor H Liggett raised concerns with regard to overloaded sewer systems and Group agreed to consider how best to address this issue as the work of the Group progressed.

Members discussed Neighbourhood Plans and if it would be beneficial for these to be updated at the same time as the Local Plan. They heard that these could be produced at any time and would depend on the needs of each individual Parish.

Group discussed the timeframe of a new Local Plan and heard the current Government proposals were that 'new style Local Plans' should not take more than 30 months to complete.

Group were reminded that the Local Plan must be reviewed every five years, in accordance with current national planning policy.

Members considered that evidence should be gathered so that Group could take an informed decision on how to proceed once there was clarity around the 'new style' plan making system.

## LPR/ Next Steps 4/23-

24

Group discussed the next steps and considered the merits of progressing to a formal review under the current system. Officers advised Members that given the likely scope of the review (including the strategic matters of housing and employment land and the need to reflect the Environment Act 2021 biodiversity requirements), a partial review would likely take a similar length of time to a full review, due to the impact on the strategic policies of the current Local Plan.

Officers advised that, in light of the above discussion, there would not be sufficient time to complete a full review by June 2025 and that there was a risk of abortive work/having to re-do stages of the process if a formal review was commenced before the anticipated changes to the Plan process were introduced later in 2024. This assessment had been corroborated by an experienced planning professional who represented the Planning Officers Society Enterprise, who advise Local Planning Authorities on matters such as Local Plan preparation and reviews.

Officers also advised that the first substantive stage of a formal review would be evidence gathering in any case. The recommendation to progress with updating the evidence that would underpin an updated Plan/future Local Plan would address this requirement. The only difference from a formal Regulation 18 stage would be setting specific timeframes for public consultation.

Members were reminded that the Government consulted on the proposed 30 month system at the end of 2023 and the suggested process (to which officers provided a written response) would introduce a new 'gateway' system with associated consultation periods.

The Working Group heard that rather than duplicate consultation exercises, officers considered it prudent to issue a statement informing members of the public about the evidence gathering process that would be commencing in 2024 and explain the reasons for waiting for certainty on the 'new style' system before undertaking formal consultation.

## At the conclusion of the discussion Members agreed -

- 1. To proceed with evidence gathering in advance of certainty regarding national requirements.
- 2. To prepare a statement that explains that a formal review is not going to commence until we have that certainty but that we have commenced evidence gathering.

# LPR/ <u>Date and Time of Next Meeting</u> 5/23-

Members agreed that the next meeting of the Local Plan Review Working Group would take place in January 2024.

## **North East Derbyshire Council**

## **Business Scrutiny Committee**

# <u>Council Plan Objective – A Great Place to Work – Update October to December 2023</u>

## 26th February 2024

## Report of the Information, Engagement & Performance Manager

Classification: This report is p	ublic
Report By: Kath Drury, Information	on, Engagement and Performance Manager
Contact Officer: As above	
PURPOSE / SUMMARY	
To report progress on the strategies great place to work" for the period e	s underpinning the Council Plan objective - "A ending 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2023.
RECOMMENDATIONS	
That progress against the Connoted.	ouncil Plan "A great place to work" objective be
IMPLICATIONS	
Finance and Risk: Yes□ Details:	No ⊠
	On Behalf of the Section 151 Officer
Legal (including Data Protection)	<u>:</u> Yes□ No ⊠
Details	On Behalf of the Solicitor to the Council
Staffing: Yes□ No ⊠ Details:	
	On behalf of the Head of Paid Service

#### **DECISION INFORMATION**

<b>Decision Information</b>	
Is the decision a Key Decision?  A Key Decision is an executive decision which has a significant impact on two or more District wards or which results in income or expenditure to the Council above the following thresholds:	No
NEDDC: Revenue - £100,000 □ Capital - £250,000 □ ☑ Please indicate which threshold applies	Na
Is the decision subject to Call-In? (Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)	No
District Wards Significantly Affected	None
Consultation:	Details:
Leader / Deputy Leader □ Cabinet □	Ward Members
SMT ⊠ Relevant Service Manager □	
Members □ Public □ Other □	

# Links to Council Plan priorities, including Climate Change, Equalities, and Economics and Health implications.

A great place to work council plan objective:

- A community with a diverse range of commutable employment that match the skills of residents.
- A community with growing, commutable employment opportunities.

#### REPORT DETAILS

## 1 Background

The Council plan 2023-27 has four objectives:

- A great place to work.
- · A great place to access good public services.
- A great place to live well.
- A great place that cares for the environment.

Information on progress on what the Council has done for the work objective is contained at appendix one and will be brought to the committee quarterly.

1.2 Under each objective there are several strategies which prioritise what the Council is setting out to achieve by March 2027. Under each strategy there are specific tactics or commitments that will shape our approach and under those a wrath of activities that in combination will help us to deliver the objectives.

1.3 Under the work objective there are two strategies - A community with a diverse range of commutable employment that match the skills of residents and A community with growing, commutable employment opportunities. There are one and three tactics under the respective strategies.

## 2. <u>Details of Proposal or Information</u>

- 2.1 The appendix lists what has been done and achieved by those service areas with contributions to make for this period. These are noted under each strategy and tactic.
- 2.2 The report was taken to Senior Management team on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2024 for consideration and oversight.
- 2.3 No specific concerns or issues have been raised under this objective for this period.

## 3 Reasons for Recommendation

3.1 This is an information report to keep Members informed of progress against the council plan objective for the work.

## 4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

4.1 Not applicable to this report as providing an overview of progress against the council plan objective for the work.

#### **DOCUMENT INFORMATION**

Appendix No	Title			
1	A summary of progress for the Council Plan objective – A great			
	place to work – for the period ending December 2023			
<b>Background Papers</b> (These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when preparing the report. They must be listed in the section below.				
If the report is go	oing to Cabinet you must provide copies of the background papers)			

# Council Plan 2023-2027 – A summary of progress by objective for the period ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023

## A Great Place to Work

The following progress has been made on **A community with a diverse range of commutable employment that match the skills of residents** 

Work with partners to match and develop local skills with local business employment need.

Developing a joint procurement exercise for the Green Skills project with Chesterfield Borough Council (£100k UKSPF) – (Regeneration and Programmes).

Ensure major developments encourage local training and employment opportunities in line with condition requested by Economic Development Team e.g., condition 2 of planning permission 23/00708/FL (Whiteleas Avenue) – (Planning).

Clay Cross Active Social Value initiative: Local labour 52%, 1 local employee who was previously unemployed, Local apprentice started 4th September, 2x t-level students to start on January 2024 (Leisure).

# The following progress has been made on **A community with growing, commutable employment opportunities**

Support existing businesses (including the Council) to maintain and grow workforce.

Shop Front Enhancement Scheme funded 13 sites to date, with 5 under appraisal and 23 in the pipeline (Regeneration and Programmes).

Approved app 23/00333/FL (old Colliery Yard, Morton) for new building at existing business to increase storage space (Planning).

Prompt payment of invoices aids the supply chain especially for smaller local businesses so it important that we pay suppliers on time. In December 99% of invoices were paid promptly (Target 98%) (Finance).

Support new business to start creating employment.

UKSPF supporting Vision Derbyshire Business Start-Up project (Regeneration and Programmes).

Approved CCTD (23/00601/FL) redevelopment which will potentially create 16 new build commercial units and bring back into use two historic buildings in the town centre (Planning).

Instagram campaign held in December supporting local businesses which was run as a Christmas calendar, highlighting a new business for each of the 24 days (Communications & Finance).

Environmental Health officers continue to provide advice to businesses and potential new business owners on a range of issues including creation of Houses in Multiple Occupation, new developments requiring permitting under Environmental Pollution regulations, setting up of new food premises etc. During the next quarter the service will be exploring ways to better capture this to demonstrate our impact.

# Council Plan 2023-2027 – A summary of progress by objective for the period ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023

Attract new businesses to the area which brings new jobs.

Participated in the consultation and development of the forthcoming Derbyshire (D2) Inward Investment Strategy (Regeneration and Programmes).

Disposal of land specifically brought forward for Employment Uses could be prioritised through the Asset Management process. The sites should be attractive to developers so they will be built out and new businesses are then attracted to the area. Land at Rotherwood Rd Killamarsh under review to be brought forward - 3.3acre site zoned General Employment Area in Local Plan (Property and Estates).

#### RESULTS FROM RESIDENTS SURVEY

#### **Business Scrutiny**

The Council undertook a Residents Survey in November 2023 to help further understand resident perceptions of their local area and local services.

A total of 3,269 responses were received.

The results will help the Council improve our services and communications and provide valuable resident insight to help shape priorities for making North East Derbyshire a great place.

The results have been broken down to fit into each Committees remit.

The Committee now need to determine if there are elements from the survey findings that they wish to explore further and include on the Work Programme going forward.

## **Executive Summary**

- Of the 3,269 responses to the survey, 2,732 respondents (83.6%) stated they were satisfied with their local area as a place to live.
- 2,108 respondents (64.5%) felt that they 'belong' to their local neighbourhood, 864 respondents (26.4%) neither agreed nor disagreed.
- 2,251 respondents (68.9%) agreed that people in their local area treat one another with respect, 638 respondents (19.5%) neither agreed nor disagreed.
- 1,953 respondents (59.7%) agreed that people from different backgrounds get on well together in their local area, 1,044 respondents (31.9%) neither agreed nor disagreed.
- 3,007 respondents (92.0%) felt safe when outside in their local area during the day, with 2,003 respondents (61.3%) stating they feel safe outside during the evening after dark and a further 595 respondents (18.2%) stating neither safe nor unsafe.
- From the 16 options provided within the survey, the respondents felt that the top 5 most important things in making somewhere a great place to live were 'feeling safe/low crime rate' (69.8%), 'access to nature/open spaces' (62.2%), 'access to health services' (57.3%), 'shops' (36.8%) and 'clean streets' (33.7%).
- From the 16 options provided within the survey, the respondents felt that the top 5 areas where improvement is required are: 'public transport provision' (41.8%), 'activities for older children/teenagers' (40.0%), 'shops' (32.2%), 'access to health services' (31.0%), 'feeling safe low crime rate' (29.4%).

- In respect of public services, most respondents were satisfied with their Local Hospital (62.1%), followed by Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service (61.6%) and GP Service/Family Doctor (54.7%). Respondents were least satisfied with Derbyshire Police (44.2%), Local Bus Services (34.0%) and NHS Dental Services (28.6%).
- 2,135 of 3,050 respondents who expressed an opinion (70.0%), felt either 'very well' or 'fairly well' informed by North East Derbyshire District Council in respect of keeping residents informed about the services and benefits it provides.
- The top 5 methods respondents use to find out about the council's services and benefits provision are Council's 'The News' magazine (47.9%), Council's website (36.2%), Council's email bulletin (20.7%), Council's social media (18.0%) and Local newspaper/magazine (17.3%).
- 1,891 respondents (57.9%) were satisfied with the way North East Derbyshire District Council runs things, with 940 respondents (28.8%) being neutral and 438 respondents (13.4%) being dissatisfied. This would rank the council third in the list of local public service providers.

## **Findings**

The findings from the survey have been extracted to what is potentially relevant to this Committee, and are below.

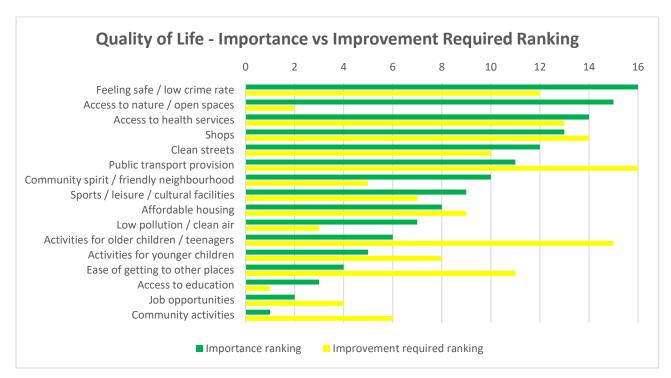
#### Quality of life

Respondents were given a list of 16 options and asked to select up to five that they felt were the most important in terms of making somewhere a great place to live. They were also asked to consider which, if any, of the list of 16 options where they felt improvement was required.

The table and graph below give an indication of the difference between the importance placed against the options criteria and the improvement required ranking.

Options	Importance ranking	Improvement required ranking	Differential
Feeling safe / low crime rate	1	5	4
Access to nature / open spaces	2	15	13
Access to health services	3	4	1
Shops	4	3	-1
Clean streets	5	7	2
Public transport provision	6	1	-5
Community spirit / friendly neighbourhood	7	12	5
Sports / leisure / cultural facilities	8	10	2

Affordable housing	9	8	-1
Low pollution / clean air	10	14	4
Activities for older children / teenagers	11	2	-9
Activities for younger children	12	9	-3
Ease of getting to other places	13	6	-7
Access to education	14	16	2
Job opportunities	15	13	-2
Community activities	16	11	-5



For the purpose of this Committee, *shops* was within the top 5 as being most important. With *job opportunities* also being selected as one of the top 16.

## **Items for Consideration**

Given the remit of this Committee, the areas that have been flagged up in the survey as an area of importance were:

- Shops
- Job opportunities

The Committee need to determine whether they want to actively progress these areas as part of the future Work Programme.

## **CABINET DECISIONS 2023/24**

Date	Title	Portfolio Holder	Status	Decision	Reasons for Decision
29 June 2023	Planning/Environmental Enforcement Scrutiny Review	Report of the Previous Administration's Organisation Scrutiny Committee	Non-Key & Open	That Cabinet noted the recommendations of the previous Administration's Organisation Scrutiny Committee, as set out in the review report.  That these recommendations be considered as part of the development process for the new Council Plan	To appraise Cabinet of the Scrutiny Committee's review and recommendations.
29 June 2023	Engagement with Business Scrutiny Review	Report of the Previous Administration's Growth Scrutiny Committee	Non-Key & Open	That Cabinet noted the recommendations of the previous Administration's Growth Scrutiny Committee, as set out in the review report.  That these recommendations be considered as part of the development process for the new Council Plan.	To appraise Cabinet of the Scrutiny Committee's review and recommendations.
29 June 2023 Page	Leisure Provision for Older Residents Scrutiny Review	Report of the Previous Administration's Communities Scrutiny Committee	Non-Key & Open	That Cabinet noted the recommendations of the previous Administration's Communities Scrutiny Committee, as set out in the review report.  That these recommendations be considered as part of the development process for the new Council Plan.	To appraise Cabinet of the Scrutiny Committee's review and recommendations

Date	Title	Portfolio Holder	Status	Decision	Reasons for Decision
29 June 2023	Adoption of the Revised Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)	Councillor S Pickering - Portfolio Holder for Environment & Place	Non-Key & Open	That Cabinet approved the Officer responses to the representations received to the public consultation on the Draft Revised Statement of Community Involvement (SCI), as set out in the Consultation Statement in Appendix 1 to the report.  That Cabinet adopted and brought into effect the Revised Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) in Appendix 2 to the report to replace the current SCI (2014).	To formalise the Council's response to the comments received during the consultation on the draft SCI, and to enable the document to be formally adopted as the Council's Statement of Community Involvement.
29 June 2023	Purchase of Property in North Wingfield	Councillor N Barker – Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategic Leadership & Finance	Key & Exempt	That Cabinet endorsed the purchase of the property in North Wingfield to help reduce hotel costs and to safeguard the property and local community.	By acquiring the property, the Council will be able to significantly reduce the use of hotels by its Homelessness Service and the associated costs, whilst also increasing its emergency housing capacity, at a time when pressures on the Homelessness Service are greater than ever before.

Date	Title	Portfolio Holder	Status	Decision	Reasons for Decision
29 June 2023	Housing at North Wingfield (Whiteleas) Development	Councillor N Barker – Leader of the Council & Portfolio Holder for Strategic Leadership and Finance	Non-Key & Exempt	That Cabinet agreed to the proposed change of tenure mix required on the Whiteleas development at North Wingfield.	Developing the vacant Council owned land at Whiteleas supports the delivery of new homes in the District. Changing the mix supports the Council's commitment to the delivery of high-quality affordable housing for rent in the District.
27 July 2023	The Council Plan 2023 - 2027	Councillor N Barker – Leader and Portfolio Holder for Strategic Leadership and Finance	Non-Key & Open	That Cabinet recommended to Council to approve the draft Council Plan for 2023 to 2027.	To ensure that the Council's work is carefully planned and structured.
27 July 2023	Five Year Housing Land Supply - Position Statement	Councillor S Pickering – Portfolio Holder for Environment & Place	Non-Key & Open	That Cabinet noted the annual assessment of the five-year land supply of deliverable sites for Housing.	To ensure Members are aware of the Council's latest position on the Five Year Housing Land Supply, prior to publication of the information on the Council's website.

Date	Title	Portfolio Holder	Status	Decision	Reasons for Decision
27 July 2023	Council Plan Targets Performance Update, January to March 2023 (Quarter 4)	Councillor J Barry – Portfolio Holder for Growth & Assets	Non-Key & Open	That Cabinet noted the outturns against the Council Plan 2019-2023 targets.	This was an information report to keep Members informed of progress against the Council Plan targets. This was the last report on performance on the previous Council Plan, and work was ongoing in relation to the new Council Plan performance framework.
27 July 2023	Medium Term Financial Plan - Financial Outturn 2022/23	Councillor N Barker – Leader and Portfolio Holder for Strategic Leadership & Finance	Non-Key & Open	That Cabinet noted the outturn position in respect of the 2022/23 financial year.  That Cabinet approved the proposed carry forward of capital budgets detailed in Appendix 4 totalling £10.783m.	To appraise Cabinet of the Council's financial management during 2022-23, and to enable specific capital budgets to be carried forward into the current financial year.
27 July 2023	Funding to Voluntary and Community Sector Infrastructure Support Organisations - Summary of Outcomes for 2022/23	Councillor J Barry – Portfolio Holder for Growth & Assets	Non-Key & Open	That Cabinet noted the report.	To ensure that the Council maximises efficiencies and outcomes through commissioning voluntary sector organisations to help achieve the Council's Priorities.

Date	Title	Portfolio Holder	Status	Decision	Reasons for Decision
21 Sept 2023	Medium Term Financial Plan: Budget Monitoring Report April-June 2023 (Q1	Councillor P R Kerry – Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Strategic Leadership and Finance	Non-Key & Open	That Cabinet noted the Quarter One budget monitoring position outlined in the report and detailed in Appendices 1-4 of the report.	The report summarised the financial position of the Council following the first quarter's budget monitoring exercise for the General Fund, the Housing Revenue Account and Capital Programme.
21 Sept 2023	Establishment of Local Plan Review Working Group	Councillor S Pickering – Portfolio Holder for Environment & Place	Non-Key & Open	That Cabinet recommend to Council at its meeting on 25 September 2023, the establishment of a Local Plan Review Working Group, in accordance with the structure in Option 4 of the report, and the terms of reference detailed in Appendix 1 of the report.	To establish a Local Plan Review Working Group in order to undertake the review of the Local Plan. Based on the benefits and risks assessment of the 4 options, officers were of the view that Option 4 was the most appropriate course of action and struck the best balance. The Member Working Group would provide regular feedback to officers during the Local Plan review process.

Date	Title	Portfolio Holder	Status	Decision	Reasons for Decision
21 Sept 2023	Decision on the Brampton Parish Neighbourhood Plan	Councillor S Pickering – Portfolio Holder for Environment & Place	Non-Key & Open	That Cabinet accepted the Examiner's report and recommended modifications to the Plan as set out in the Decision Statement at Appendix 1 of the report in their entirety, and that the Plan, as amended, be taken forward to a referendum within the Parish as outlined in the report.  That following a successful referendum, if more than half of those voting in the referendum vote in favour of the Neighbourhood Plan, the Managing Director should bring the Neighbourhood Plan into effect ('Made').	The Brampton Neighbourhood Plan has been subject to examination by an independent examiner. The Examiner's view is that subject to specified modifications the Plan meets the Basic Conditions and other relevant legal requirements. It is considered that, subject to the modifications set out in the Decision Statement, the Draft Neighbourhood Plan would meet the legal requirements and Basic Conditions as set out in legislation, and that the Plan should proceed to Referendum.
21 Sept 2023	North East Derbyshire UK Shared Prosperity Fund Update	Councillor J Barry – Portfolio Holder for Growth & Assets	Non-Key & Open	That Cabinet noted the report.	To note progress of the activity funded by UK Shared Prosperity Fund.
21 Sept 2023	Funding to Voluntary and Community Sector Infrastructure Support Organisations - Summary of Outcomes for 2022/23	Councillor J Barry – Portfolio Holder for Growth & Assets	Non-Key & Open	That Cabinet noted the report.	To ensure that the Council maximises efficiencies and outcomes through commissioning voluntary sector organisations to help achieve the Council's Priorities.

Date	Title	Portfolio Holder	Status	Decision	Reasons for Decision
21 Sept 2023	Clay Cross Town Centre Regeneration Scheme	Councillor J Barry – Portfolio Holder for Growth & Assets	Non-Key & Exempt	That the Council retains legal ownership of the new commercial units and public realm areas that will be developed as part of the Clay Cross Town Centre Regeneration Scheme.  That the Council adopts the ongoing management responsibilities of the new commercial business units and	The proposals allowed the Council to retain ownership and management control of the asset to ensure the long-term success of the regeneration project.
				the public realm area within the Clay Cross Town Centre Regeneration Scheme.  That the Council secures a Planning Approval and then seek further assurance from Derbyshire County Council in relation to their participation in the Clay Cross Town Centre Regeneration Scheme, and if necessary to report this response to Cabinet for further consideration.	
26 Oct 2023	Equality Plan and Objectives 2023 - 2027	Councillor J Barry – Portfolio Holder for Growth & Assets	Non-Key & Open	That Cabinet approved and adopted the Equality Plan and objectives for 2023-2027.  That Cabinet noted the achievements and progress made under the last two years of the previous plan (2019-2023).	To put into place the proposed Equality Plan and objectives 2023-2027, which will provide the framework for implementing the Council's obligations regarding the general and specific equality duties. The proposed Equality Plan and objectives have received broad support.

Date	Title	Portfolio Holder	Status	Decision	Reasons for Decision
26 Oct 2023	Safeguarding Policy and Procedures - Protecting Children and Adults at Risk	Councillor N Barker – Leader and Portfolio Holder for Strategic Leadership & Finance	Non-Key & Open	That Cabinet approved and adopted the final draft of the Derbyshire-wide policy (Safeguarding Policy and Procedures, Protecting Children and Adults at Risk).	The Derbyshire-wide policy will subsequently replace the current Adult and Child Safeguarding policies. The Policy complies with legislation and provides a framework for Safeguarding.
26 Oct 2023	Purchase of 3 New Build Homes at Woolley Moor	Councillor N Barker – Leader and Portfolio Holder for Strategic Leadership & Finance	Key & Exempt	That Cabinet approved the purchase of 3 new build affordable rent homes, recognising the need for affordable housing in this area.	Purchasing these homes will help to meet the housing need in this area, where there is a limited number of homes for rent at affordable levels.
	Cabinet De	ecisions since the last cy	cle of Scrut	iny Committee Meetings.	
23 Nov 2023 Page 27	Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) Revised Budgets 2023-24  Relevant to all Scrutiny Committees	Councillor P R Kerry – Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Strategic Leadership and Finance	Key & Open	That Cabinet recommend to Council: The budget in respect of the General Fund as set out in Appendix 1 of the report be approved as the Current Budget for 2023/24.  The budget in respect of the HRA as set out in Appendix 3 of the report be approved as the Current Budget for 2023/24.  The Capital Programme as set out in Appendix 4 of the report be approved as the Current Budget for 2023/24	To prepare revised budgets as early as possible within the financial year to provide sufficient time to allow any planned changes to be delivered. The Council has faced financial challenges this year, putting pressure on the ability to set a balanced General Fund budget but careful budget management, use of reserves ringfenced for providing resilience when needed, and the ongoing progression of the transformation agenda has mitigated this.

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23 Nov 2023	Council Plan Objectives - Update April to September 2023 Relevant to all Scrutiny Committees	Councillor N Barker – Leader and Portfolio Holder for Strategic Leadership & Finance	Non Key & Open	That Cabinet noted progress against the Council Plan 2023-2027 objectives.	This is an information report to keep Members informed of progress against the Council Plan objectives.
23 Nov 2023	Planning Policy Annual Monitoring Reports for Publication  Potentially relevant to Environment Scrutiny Committee	Councillor S Pickering – Portfolio Holder for Environment & Place	Non Key & Open	That Cabinet noted the contents of the Annual Monitoring Report (AMR19) for the period of 1st April 2022 – 31st March 2023, and approved its publication on the Council's website.	
23 Nov 2023	South Yorkshire Combined Authority Statement of Common Ground  Potentially relevant to Environment Scrutiny Committee	Councillor S Pickering – Portfolio Holder for Environment & Place	Non Key & Open	That Cabinet endorsed the contents of the South Yorkshire Combined Mayoral Authority Statement of Common Ground.  Cabinet authorised the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Place to sign the document on behalf of North East Derbyshire District Council.	The Council will be able to demonstrate that it has addressed the requirements of the Localism Act 2011 with regards to the duty to cooperate.

Date	Title	Portfolio Holder	Status	Decision	Reasons for Decision
23 Nov 2023	Proposed Social Housing Regeneration Scheme – Stonebroom  Potentially relevant to Communities Scrutiny Committee	Councillor N Barker – Leader and Portfolio Holder for Strategic Leadership & Finance	Non Key & Exempt	That Cabinet agreed to the proposed redevelopment of nontraditional homes around the Cleveland Road area at Stonebroom.  That Cabinet recommended to Council the approval of the necessary borrowing to fund the above the scheme.  That Cabinet recommended to Council the inclusion of this scheme in the HRA Capital Programme.	The regeneration scheme at Stonebroom supports the Council's commitment in its Council Plan to build, acquire and facilitate the delivery of more high-quality social housing for rent in the district.
25 Jan 2024	Medium Term Financial Plan 2023/24 to 2027/28  Relevant to all Scrutiny Committees	Councillor P R Kerry – Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Strategic Leadership and Finance	Key & Open	Council is recommended at its meeting on 29 January 2024  That the view of the Director of Finance & Resources, that the estimates included in the Medium-Term Financial Plan 2023/24 to 2027/28 are robust and that the level of financial reserves are adequate at this time, be accepted.  That officers report back to Cabinet and the Services Scrutiny Committee on a quarterly basis regarding the overall position in respect of the Council's budgets.	To recommend budgets to Council in respect of the General Fund, the Housing Revenue Account, and the Capital Programme.

Date	Title	Portfolio Holder	Status	Decision	Reasons for Decision
Date	I itle	Portfolio Holder	Status	General Fund  That a Council Tax increase of £6.11 will be levied in respect of a notional Band D property (2.99%).  That the Medium Term Financial Plan in respect of the General Fund as set out in Appendix 1 to the report be approved as the Current Budget 2023/24, as the Original Budget 2024/25, and as the financial projections in respect of 2025/26 to 2027/28.  That the shortfall in the General Fund budget for 2024/25 as set out in Appendix 1 to the report be met from the Resilience Reserve.  That the General Fund Capital Programme as set out in Appendix 4 to the report be approved as the Current Budget in respect of 2023/24, and as the Approved Programme for 2024/25 to 2027/28.  That any under spend in respect of 2023/24 be transferred to the Resilience Reserve to provide increased financial resilience for future years of the plan.	

Housing Revenue Account (HRA)  That Council sets its rent levels for 2024/25 in consideration of the Social Housing Rent Standard increasing rents by 6% from 1 April 2024.	Decision
That the Medium Term Financial Plan in respect of the Housing Revenue Account, as set out in Appendix 3 to the report, be approved as the Current Budget in respect of 2023/24, as the Original Budget in respect of 2024/25 and the financial projection in respect of 2025/26 to 2027/28.  That the HRA Capital Programme as set out in Appendix 4 be approved as the Current Budget in respect of 2023/24, and as the Approved Programme for 2024/25 to 2027/28.  That the Management Fee for undertaking housing services at £12.05m and the Management Fee for undertaking capital works at £1.1m to Rykneld Homes in respect of 2024/25 be approved	Decision

Date	Title	Portfolio Holder	Status	Decision	Reasons for Decision
				That Members endorse the section in the financial framework within the Management Agreement which enables the Council to pay temporary cash advances to Rykneld Homes to help meet cash flow requirements of the company should unforeseen circumstances arise in any particular month.  That Members note the requirement to provide Rykneld Homes with a 'letter of comfort' to the company's auditors and grant delegated authority to the Council's Director of Finance & Resources (S151 Officer) in consultation with the Leader of the Council to agree the contents of that letter.	
25 Jan 2024	Publication of the first Biodiversity Net Gain report Potentially relevant to the Environment Scrutiny Committee	Councillor S Pickering – Portfolio Holder for Environment & Place	Non Key & Open	That the first Biodiversity Net Gain report be now published on the Council's website.	To comply with Section 103 of the Environment Act in relation to the publication of annual reports, demonstrating that the Council is meeting its statutory duty.

Date	Title	Portfolio Holder	Status	Decision	Reasons for Decision
25 Jan 2024	Delegating authority to officers to enter into Planning Performance Agreements with Developers  Potentially relevant to the Business Scrutiny Committee	Councillor S Pickering – Portfolio Holder for Environment & Place	Non Key & Open	That Cabinet approved the use of powers delegated to the Assistant Director of Planning to set up a mechanism allowing applicants to enter into Planning Performance Agreements (PPAs); and  That Cabinet agreed the publication of a document on the Council's website explaining the purpose of Planning Performance Agreement to applicants and members of the public, based on the contents of <b>Appendix 1</b> to the report.	The use of PPAs will allow the Council to recoup a large part of the costs associated with officer time spent on proactively dealing with the large-scale planning applications received by the Council and reduce the cost of the Planning Service to the Council's General Fund.
25 Jan 2024	Purchase of 15 units for affordable rent - Oaks Farm, Calow  Potentially relevant to the Communities Scrutiny Committee	Councillor N Barker – Leader and Portfolio Holder for Strategic Leadership & Finance	Key & Exempt	That Cabinet approved the proposed purchase of the 15 units at Oaks Farm, Calow.	Purchasing these units will help to meet the affordable housing need in this area and the District.
25 Jan 2024	Implementation of a Council Tax Premium for Empty Homes  Potentially relevant to the Services Scrutiny Committee	Councillor N Barker – Leader and Portfolio Holder for Strategic Leadership & Finance	Key & Exempt	That Cabinet endorsed the implementation of an Empty Homes Premium, as set out in the report.  That the implementation of the Empty Homes Premium commences from 1 April 2024.	The introduction of an Empty Homes Premium will help to reduce the number of current empty homes in the District.

# Agenda Item 10

## **BUSINESS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2023/23**

## **MONDAY AT 3PM**

**CHAIR: CLLR S CORNWELL** 

**VICE CHAIR: CLLR S CLOUGH** 

MEETING DATE	AGENDA ITEM	WHAT IT WILL COVER	WHO IT INVOLVES
10 JULY 2023	Remit of the Committee	<ul> <li>Briefing on Scrutiny:</li> <li>setting the scene</li> <li>the terms of reference for the Committee</li> <li>How the Committee operates, ways of working          <ul> <li>Discussion</li> </ul> </li> <li>The Council's new Council Plan and scrutiny arrangements - discussion</li> </ul>	Lee Hickin – Managing Director  Jayne Dethick – Director of Finance & Resources and S151 Officer  Sarah Sternberg – Assistant Director of Governance & Monitoring Officer  Damon Stanton – Senior Scrutiny Officer
	EXAMPLE – Medium Term Financial Plan  Draft Scrutiny Work	MTFP Financial Outturn 2022/23  To consider the draft Scrutiny Work	Jayne Dethick – Director of Finance & Resources and S151 Officer  Committee Members/ Damon
	Programme	Programme	Stanton – Senior Scrutiny Officer

18 SEPTEMBER 2023	Performance Management	Developing the Performance Framework to support the new Council Plan	Amar Bashir – Improvement Officer
	Cabinet Reports and the Forward Plan of Executive Decisions	To review recent Cabinet Reports, receive an overview of Cabinet business, and review the Forward Plan	Portfolio Holder Senior Officer Leader/Deputy Leader
	Policy Development	To contribute to major Policies being considered by the Council	Lead Officer
	'Horizon Scanning'	To consider and contribute to potential changes in the operating environment which may include legislation, regulation and key projects being undertaken by the Council, for example	Lead Officer
	Scrutiny Work Programme	To consider the Committees' work programme	Damon Stanton – Senior Scrutiny Officer
20 NOVEMBER 2023	Performance Management	Council Plan Targets Performance Update	Q&A with the Portfolio Holder  Relevant Service Managers/Directors  Kath Drury – Information, Engagement and Performance Manager  Amar Bashir – Improvement Officer
	Cabinet Reports and the Forward Plan of	To review recent Cabinet Reports, receive an overview of Cabinet business, and review the	Portfolio Holder Senior Officer
	Executive Decisions	Forward Plan	Leader/Deputy Leader

	Policy Development	To contribute to major Policies being considered by the Council	Lead Officer
	'Horizon Scanning'	UK Shared Prosperity Fund Update	Lead Officer
	Business Sector Analysis	To consider a business sector analysis of the District	Bryan Harrison – Senior Regeneration Officer and Urban Designer
	Scrutiny Work Programme	To consider the Committees' work programme	Damon Stanton – Senior Scrutiny Officer
26 FEBRUARY 2024	Performance Management	Council Plan Targets Performance Update	Q&A with the Portfolio Holder  Relevant Service Managers/Directors  Kath Drury – Information, Engagement and Performance Manager  Amar Bashir – Improvement Officer
	Cabinet Reports and the Forward Plan of Executive Decisions	To review recent Cabinet Reports, receive an overview of Cabinet business, and review the Forward Plan	Portfolio Holder Senior Officer Leader/Deputy Leader
	Scrutiny Work Programme	To consider the Committee's work programme	Senior Scrutiny Officer

	Clay Cross Regeneration Scheme	To receive an update on the Scheme	Assistant Director – Regeneration and Programmes – ACCEPTED
	Shared Prosperity Fund	The Committee to ask questions to Officers about the Shared Prosperity Fund	Assistant Director – Regeneration and Programmes – ACCEPTED
	Residents Survey	Committee to discuss the outcomes of the Residents Survey and to determine if they want to look at any areas as part of their Work Programme	Senior Scrutiny Officer
13 MAY 2024	Performance Management	Council Plan Targets Performance Update	Q&A with the Portfolio Holder  Relevant Service Managers/Directors  Kath Drury – Information, Engagement and Performance Manager  Amar Bashir – Improvement Officer
	Cabinet Reports and the Forward Plan of Executive Decisions	To review recent Cabinet Reports, receive an overview of Cabinet business, and review the Forward Plan	Portfolio Holder Senior Officer Leader/Deputy Leader
	'Horizon Scanning'	To contribute to major Policies being considered by the Council  To consider and contribute to potential changes in the operating environment which may include legislation, regulation and key	Lead Officer  Lead Officer

	projects being undertaken by the Council, for example	
Council Plan Tact Performance	ics To review progress made against Council Plan objectives at year's end	Lee Hickin – Managing Director Leader/Deputy Leader? Portfolio Holder?
Scrutiny Work Programme	To consider whether the Committee's Work Programme has been completed	Senior Scrutiny Officer

## **NOTES**

- Potential Scrutiny Review into connectivity in the District
- Update on support provided to businesses in the District
- Receive information on '5 Year Survivability of Enterprises Born in 2015 (%)' to be broken down by sector
- Receive 'job density' information for the whole District