

BUSINESS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 28 JULY 2025

Present:

Councillor Suzy Cornwell (Chair) (in the Chair)
Councillor Richard Welton (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Christine Gare

Councillor Tony Lacey

Also Present:

J Hayden Senior Scrutiny Officer
T Fuller Governance Officer

BSC Apologies for Absence

1/25-

26 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M Emmens, M Fletcher, L Hartshorne, W Jones and P Windley.

BSC Declarations of Interest

2/25-

26 There were no declarations of interest.

BSC Minutes of Last Meeting

3/25-

26 RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Business Scrutiny Committee held on 12 May 2025 were approved and signed by the Chair.

BSC East Midlands Chamber Economic Survey Results

4/25-

26 Committee heard that the representative from East Midlands Chamber was unable to attend the meeting. Members heard that the presentation put forward majority positive results and it was suggested that the representative be invited back to present at a future meeting.

BSC Cabinet Business

5/25-

26 The Senior Scrutiny Officer presented a digest of Cabinet decisions taken since the last Committee meeting in May 2025. The digest set out key information for each decision.

The Senior Scrutiny Officer also presented Members with the Forward Plan of Executive Decisions for the period up to 15 July 2025.

RESOLVED – That the update was noted.

BSC Policy Development

6/25-

- 26** The Senior Scrutiny Officer informed the Committee that there were no major policies for Members to consider.

Some Members queried what was likely to come up as part of this item. Committee were informed of the sort of policies that would come to Scrutiny committee and the process of identifying which Scrutiny committee they are relevant to.

RESOLVED – That the update was noted.

BSC **'Horizon Scanning'**

7/25-

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The Senior Scrutiny Officer updated Members on potential significant changes in the Council's operating environment, including changes to national legislation and regulation.

The Senior Scrutiny Officer explained that there was nothing to bring to the attention of Members.

RESOLVED – That the update was noted.

BSC **Work Programme**

8/25-

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The Senior Scrutiny Officer presented the draft Work Programme 2025/26 for the Committee to consider. Members were updated on the delay that had prevented Digital Connectivity being considered at this meeting. It was suggested that a representative from Derbyshire County Council be invited back to a future meeting to share the work that had been done in the area.

Committee discussed the topics that should be considered as part of the 2025/26 Work Programme. Some Members suggested that the Local Plan Update, that was due to be considered at the meeting in November, should have a particular focus on the employment sites that would be included in the new Local Plan.

Committee discussed the proposed item on the Clay Cross Town Centre Regeneration project. In this context, it was suggested that the committee considers how NEDDC is making its assets, particularly high streets and leisure centres, more attractive and how does that fit into urban regeneration. It was agreed that this topic would be added to the Work Programme to be considered at the appropriate meeting.

Committee also considered the most appropriate meeting to bring back the item on East Midlands Chamber Economic Survey Results. It was agreed that the representative would be invited to the November meeting.

RESOLVED –

1. That the Work Programme 2025/26 be approved.

BSC **Reflection on the Council Plan**

9/25-

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The Chair of Business Scrutiny Committee explained that there was nothing to

bring to the attention of Members.

BSC **Additional Urgent Items**

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5-26 None.

BSC **Date of Next Meeting**

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5-26 The next meeting of the Business Scrutiny Committee was scheduled to take place on 8 September at 3.00 pm.