

## **BUSINESS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

### **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 10 JULY 2023**

#### **Present:**

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

Councillor Christine Gare  
Councillor Lee Hartshorne  
Councillor Richard Spooner

Councillor David Hancock  
Councillor Stephen Reed

#### **Also Present:**

L Hickin	Managing Director - Head of Paid Service
J Dethick	Director of Finance and Resources & (Section 151 Officer)
T Frost Morris	Chief Accountant
S Sternberg	Assistant Director of Governance and Monitoring Officer
D Stanton	Senior Scrutiny Officer
A Bond	Governance Officer

#### **BSC Apologies for Absence**

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An apology for absence was received from Councillor Lee Stone.

#### **BSC Declarations of Interest**

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There were no interests declared at this meeting.

#### **BSC Minutes of Former Committee**

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RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Growth Scrutiny Committee held on 13 March 2023 were noted.

#### **BSC Remit of the Committee**

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The Chair introduced Members to the Committee and, as a former Member, informed them of work that had been completed in the past by the previous Growth Scrutiny Committee.

The Managing Director delivered a presentation on the Council Plan development for 2023 – 2027. He highlighted the need for the plan to be dynamic and showed examples of how the plan could look once finished.

The Monitoring Officer outlined the role of the Scrutiny Committees under the new structure, and how they could ensure successful delivery of the Council Plan.

Committee discussed the Terms of Reference as contained within the report. In particular, they discussed the importance of recognising that not all opportunities

would be within the North East Derbyshire District, but that projects outside of the District that would benefit NED residents should also be supported where appropriate.

**BSC** **EXAMPLE - Medium Term Financial Plan**

**5/23-  
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The Section 151 Officer provided Committee with an example report to highlight the level of data that could be brought to Committee. She informed Members that she would bring relevant performance management data to each meeting of the Committee.

The Managing Director also drew Committee's attention to the talent pipeline and suggested that they monitor how much success the Council had when promoting this with businesses.

**BSC** **Draft Work Programme**

**6/23-  
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Members discussed the work programme for the municipal year and highlighted a number of items such as horizon scanning, reviewing Cabinet and Council reports, contributing to policy development, and performance management. The Chair and Vice Chair, alongside the Senior Scrutiny Officer would begin to develop the Work Programme as and when issues emerged.

RESOLVED – That the Committee note the work programme for the 2023-24 municipal year.

**BSC** **Additional Urgent Items**

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The Chair invited Members to vote on a new start time for the Committee and it was agreed that going forward meetings would run from 3pm till 5pm.

The Chair asked Members to reflect on what they had achieved during the meeting and informed Members that this would be a new standing item for all future meetings of the Committee.

**BSC** **Date of Next Meeting**

**8/23-  
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The next meeting of the Business Scrutiny Committee was scheduled to take place at 3.00pm on 18 September 2023.