

**MINUTES
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

Monday 8 March 2021

Councillor Liz Clunie (Chair)

Councillor Paul Feeney	Councillor Jennifer Hemingway
Councillor Sandra Barnes	Councillor Mike Hope
Councillor Michael Boyle	Councillor Marje Paling
Councillor Jim Creamer	Councillor Martin Smith
Councillor Rachael Ellis	Councillor Sam Smith
Councillor Andrew Ellwood	

Apologies for absence: Councillor Simon Murray

Officers in Attendance: M Hill, M Avery, J Davies, H Lee and A Dubberley

Guests in Attendance Councillor Jenny Hollingsworth

36 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS.

Apologies were received from Councillor Murray.

37 TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18 JANUARY 2021.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the above meeting, having been circulated, be approved as a correct record subject to a minor amendment to the Programme of Portfolio Holder Attendance minute.

38 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

None.

39 PROGRAMME OF PORTFOLIO HOLDER ATTENDANCE

The committee welcomed Councillor Jenny Hollingsworth, Portfolio Holder for Growth and Regeneration who attended the meeting to discuss a range of issues in her portfolio. Mike Avery, Head of Development and Place and Joelle Davies Head of Regeneration and Place also attended the meeting.

Councillor Hollingsworth supported by officers addressed issues that had been raised by the committee.

Mike Avery explained that the National Planning Policy Framework states that where the Housing Delivery Test indicates that delivery has fallen below 95% of the housing requirement that a Housing Delivery Action Plan is prepared to improve delivery in the future. The Housing Delivery Test result for 2019 was 58% this has now risen to 68%. The Action Plan includes a range of actions undertaken to address the housing delivery shortfall. He explained a variety of activities that are undertaken to encourage an increase in the number of houses delivered including engaging with developers and site specific actions on allocated developments.

Members were informed about the progress of the development of Arnold Market and the regeneration of Carlton Square was presented. The moves to develop land at Burton Road and Station Road and the provision of temporary and affordable accommodation at these sites was considered.

Members asked a number of questions and during discussion the following points were made:

Until the restrictions are lifted it is not possible to calculate how many shops will reopen. Business support staff have been working to support business during this difficult time.

Existing tradespeople at Arnold Market will be given priority for the new market area. The new business units are aimed at small start-up businesses and not for established entities. It is hoped that the mix of new business will encourage footfall to Arnold.

It is envisaged that the regeneration of Carlton Square will make it more accessible and appealing to local residents.

RESOLVED to:

- Note the report.

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COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL) FUNDING STATEMENT

Member considered a report that had been circulated in advance of the meeting which included information requested at the January committee regarding the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) and Section 106 Agreements.

Mike Avery, Head of Development and Place explained that the imminent Planning White Paper could include changes to how CIL and Section 106 agreements operate. The current processes for disbursement were described and members asked a number of questions relating to payments to parished and none parished areas and allocations made to public open spaces.

RESOLVED to:

- Note the report.

GEDLING PLAN QUARTER 3

Mike Hill, the Chief Executive, introduced a report that had been circulated in advance of the meeting summarising performance at the end of Quarter 3.

It was explained that a number of actions are due to be delivered across the three years of the plan that although some may be delivered in year 1 other actions may not commence until year 2 or 3. Currently there are 96 actions of which 12 are complete with the remainder in progress or assigned to an officer. Overall indicator performance shows that out of a total of 32 indicators 11 were on or above target, 3 were slightly below target and 6 indicators missed target.

Examples of particularly positive performance included incidence of fly tipping removed within four days, 97.3 % of calls to the contact centre answered(or call back made) against a target of 94% and 21 affordable homes delivered. Indicators unlikely to meet target at year end included net additional homes provided, residual waste per household and the percentage of Business Rates and Council Tax collected.

During discussion the following points were highlighted:

- The development temporary accommodation at Burton Road and Station Road was welcomed
- The authority works proactively to discourage fly tipping and, should evidence of the offender be available, prosecutions would be taken.
- Developers are building their allocated proportion of affordable homes and how it envisaged that targets will be increased for next year. It was explained that developers do not usually sign off affordable homes individually but do so when all units have been completed.
- That there has been a large increase in planning applications during the pandemic and, although still performing at a high level, there has been a fall in the number of planning applications processed within eight weeks.

Members asked for additional information relating to the 'One Step at a Time' scheme in the Bestwood St Albans ward and when the ABL partnership will start and how it will operate.

RESOLVED to:

- I. Note the progress against Actions and Performance indicators for Quarter 3 of the Gedling Plan 2020 – 2023; and
- II. Request additional information relating to the 'One Step at A Time' scheme and the ABL partnership work.

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Mike Hill, Chief Executive, introduced a report that had been circulated in advance of the meeting and addressed concerns, identified by members at the January committee, relating to a number of risks in the Corporate Management Risk Scorecard Quarters 1 and 2.

He explained a variety of actions that have been taken to mitigate issues and change the direction of travel for the four risks identified by the committee.

RESOLVED to:

- Note the report.

43 SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME

2020/2021 Scrutiny Work Programme

Progress of Scrutiny Working Groups

Flooding

Members were updated on the work of the flooding working group which is meeting shortly to develop the conclusions and recommendations arising from the review.

Domestic abuse and access to temporary accommodation

At the last meeting of the group the lead officer for domestic abuse at the Nottinghamshire County Council attended and discussed how the County Council commissions temporary accommodation and the new duty that will be placed on it by the Domestic Abuse Bill 2020. A representative from Juno Women's Aid will be attending the next meeting.

RESOLVED to:

Note the information.

44 REPORTS AND NOTICES RECEIVED BY THE CHAIR OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE AS REQUIRED UNDER THE CONSTITUTION OR LAW.

Members considered a report that had been of the circulated in advance of the meeting which included information on items referred to the chair as required in the constitution.

RESOLVED to:

Note the information.

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ANY OTHER ITEM WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT.

None.

The meeting finished at 7.15 pm

Signed by Chair:

Date: