

Minutes of Economic Development Committee

Meeting Date: Thursday, 28 March 2019, starting at 6.30pm
Present: Councillor S Hirst (Chairman)

Councillors:

P Ainsworth	K Hind
S Bibby	J Rogerson
P Dowson	I Sayers
R Elms	R Swarbrick
M Fenton	D Taylor
M French	J Rogerson

In attendance: Director of Economic Development and Planning and Head of Regeneration and Housing.

732 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillors I Brown and J Holgate.

733 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 24 January 2019 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

734 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interest.

735 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

736 RIBBLE VALLEY ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP

The Director of Economic Development and Planning submitted a report for Committee's information on the Ribble Valley Economic Partnership and Development of the Council's Economic Plan.

At its meeting on 15 November 2018 the Economic Development Committee had agreed that the Council would lead on the establishment of a Strategic Forum to consider local economic issues. The launch event took place on 27 February and was well attended by members of the local business community.

Feedback had been collated and was being reviewed to aid the development of the Economic Plan to its first stage before consideration by this Committee. Attendees have provided some very positive feedback about the Council's event and a response that supports the creation of the Partnership, with an appetite from attendees to participate in future events.

The Chairman thanked the officers for arranging the event and reminded Committee this was only the start of the process of the formulation of the strategy document. The Director of Economic Development and Planning informed Committee that the next meeting was likely to be in June.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

737 CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2019/20

The Director of Resources submitted a report for Committee's information on the schemes which had been approved for inclusion in this Committee's 2019/20 Capital Programme. There was one approved scheme for gateway signs for Whalley, Longridge and Clitheroe, totalling £20,000.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

738 REVENUE MONITORING 2018/19

The Director of Resources submitted a report for Committee's information of the position for the period April 2018 to February 2019 of this year's revised revenue budget as far as this Committee was concerned.

The comparison between actual and budget and expenditure shows an overspend of £1,165 for the period April 2018/19.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

739 REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

There were no representatives on outside bodies.

The meeting closed at 6.45pm.

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