

ECONOMY AND RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Thursday, 9 July 2020

PRESENT – Councillors Durham (Chair), Bartch, Boddy, Crudass, Harker, L Hughes, Mrs D Jones, McEwan, Paley, Renton and Tait

APOLOGIES –

ABSENT –

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE – Councillor Johnson

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE – Elizabeth Davison (Assistant Director Resources), Mark Ladyman (Assistant Director Economic Growth) and Shirley Wright (Democratic Manager)

ER1 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

RESOLVED – That Councillor Durham be appointed Chair of this Scrutiny Committee for the Municipal Year 2020/21.

ER2 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR

RESOLVED – That Councillor Tait be appointed Vice-Chair of this Scrutiny Committee for the Municipal Year 2020/21.

ER3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest reported at the meeting.

ER4 TIMES OF MEETINGS

RESOLVED – That, for the Municipal Year 2020/21, meetings of this Scrutiny Committee be held at 9.30 a.m. on the dates as agreed by Cabinet.

ER5 MINUTES

Submitted – The Minutes (previously circulated) of a meeting of this Scrutiny Committee held on 6 February, 2020.

Following a question by a Member in relation to Minute ER33/Feb/20, replacement and re-location of the Town Centre footfall counters, the Assistant Director Economic Growth reported that he would provide an updated position to Members.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes be approved as a correct record.

ER6 WORK PROGRAMME

The Managing Director submitted a report (previously circulated) requesting that consideration be given to the work programme of this Scrutiny Committee for the

Municipal Year 2020/21.

It was reported that the work programme (also previously circulated) was a starting point based on items and issues which had previously been considered by this Scrutiny Committee and from Officers recommendations on areas Members might wish to scrutinise, however, it was for Members to consider and include any additional items.

Particular reference was made to the need for the Forward Plan to be aligned with this Scrutiny Committee's work programme for those areas within its remit and for this Scrutiny Committee to focus on the Town Centre Strategy, particularly the implications on businesses and the economy as a result of Covid-19, and it was suggested that this be a regular update to each meeting of this Scrutiny Committee.

In view of the timescales for reporting and the scheduled dates for meetings of this Scrutiny Committee, it was reported that the year-end sickness out-turn and the year-end health and safety out-turn reports would be circulated to Members outside of the formal scrutiny process and Members were requested to consider the information in both reports and forward any questions onto officers to enable a response to be provided.

RESOLVED – That the work programme be approved.