

EAST STAFFORDSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

SCRUTINY (COMMUNITY REGENERATION) COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting of the Scrutiny (Community Regeneration) Committee in the Coltman VC Room, Town Hall Burton upon Trent on Monday 27th March 2023.

Present:

Councillors S McGarry (Chairman), L Beech, Mrs B Brady, Mrs V J Gould, R G W Grosvenor and S A Hussain.

Officers Present:

The Head of Service (Mark Rizk), the Corporate and Commercial Manager and the Principal Democratic Services Officer.

Also Present:

Councillor Mrs B Ashcroft (Cabinet Member for Tourism and Cultural Development).

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Mrs J Jones and M Shrive.

32/23 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations at the commencement of the meeting.

33/23 **URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no urgent business for consideration at the meeting.

34/23 **MINUTES**

Resolved:

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 19th December 2022 be approved and signed as a correct record.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

Those voting for the motion	Those voting against	Those abstaining
Councillor L Beech		Councillor Mrs B Brady
Councillor Mrs V J Gould		
Councillor R G W Grosvenor		
Councillor S McGarry		
Councillor S A Hussain		

35/23 **QUARTER 3 PERFORMANCE REPORT 2022/23**

The report of the Head of Service (Sal Khan) on the progress at the end of Quarter Three of the 2022/23 financial year towards delivering East Staffordshire Borough Council's

Corporate Plan and achieving the Community Regeneration Council priority was considered. The following appendices had been circulated with the report:

- Appendix 1: Spreadsheet of Quarter 3 updates for Corporate Plan targets.
- Appendix 2: Quarter 3 2022/23 benchmarking exercise coordinated by East Staffordshire Borough Council.

Councillors noted that out of the 129 targets, 42 contributed to the Community Regeneration Corporate Priority. Of these 42 targets, 34 were green status; 2 were red and 6 were not yet due to be reported and of the 36 live targets for the Community Regeneration priority 94.44% were green status and 5.56% were red status.

An opportunity for questions followed.

NOTED.

36/23 **STATION STREET REGENERATION REVIEW REPORT**

The Committee considered the final report of the Review of Station Street Regeneration Project. The following appendices had been circulated with the report:

- Appendix 1. Residents Survey Results
- Appendix 2. Business Survey Results

Resolved:

That the report be approved.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

Those voting for the motion	Those voting against	Those abstaining
Councillor L Beech	Councillor R G W Grosvenor	
Councillor Mrs B Brady	Councillor S A Hussain	
Councillor Mrs V J Gould		
Councillor S McGarry		

37/23 **UTTOXETER SPORTS HUB**

Mr Kevin Staples from Staffordshire Football Association attended the meeting to give a presentation on the Uttoxeter Sports Hub. The Committee noted that the Sports Hub had been identified as a key project in the 2018 ESBC Playing Pitch Strategy, in addition to a strategic need in the East Staffordshire Local Football Facility Plan, due to shortfalls in the number of and quality of grass sports pitches in Uttoxeter for match play and training, this had also been confirmed by local consultation. Staffordshire Football Association was the driver of this project, in partnership with the Borough Council and other Community partners.

The site of the Sports hub was a previously quarried site off the A50 in Uttoxeter, which was 10 hectares (24 acres) of land in size. Due to the shape and size of the area, it did not allow for a uniform site, however there were significant areas which could be used. Staffordshire Football Association been working with Aggregate Industries and had been offered a 30 year lease to manage the site. The lease was currently with solicitors, in addition to a 106 agreement and option agreement to be signed by Staffordshire Football Association. Plans for the site included:

- Good Standard football pitches;

- Full Size 3G pitch;
- Clubhouse/Community Facilities;
- Community Hub;
- Changing Rooms (Grassroots and National League System compliant);
- Access Road;
- Car Park.

In order to access Football Foundation funding, a bespoke framework process was being followed. The process was quality driven, with a lot of the work being predominantly around the artificial pitch and car park (the first phase). Early in 2023 the feasibility work had been completed. By the end of November, everything would be in place to allow an application for funding to the Football Foundation to be submitted in early 2024. The application would be considered by a Panel (in April 2024), as the application would be for the £1m maximum. If the application was successful, then work would begin on site in July 2024. It was noted that grass pitches could be a bolt on to phase 1 if additional funding could be accessed, or be part of a later stage to the project.

Councillors noted the following ongoing work taking place:

- Technical work started for 3G pitch, car park and access road (Football Foundation);
- Investigate costs for services/waste (Staffordshire FA);
- Meet with grass pitch companies to determine pitch construction costs (Staffordshire FA);
- Appointment of consultancy company to take project forward;
- Progress Funding Application to Football Foundation, Tarmac, SSLEP EOI (Staffordshire FA).

An opportunity for questions followed.

It was agreed that Mr Staples be invited to a future meeting of the committee to provide a further update.

NOTED.

38/23 **PUBLIC EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORDS**

Councillors received for information a list of public Executive Decision Records.

NOTED.

39/23 **QUESTIONS**

No questions had been received in advance of the meeting.

40/23 **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

Resolved:

That, in accordance with Section 100(A) (4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, the Press and Public be excluded from the Meeting during discussion of the following items as it would likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings that there would be disclosed exempt information as defined in the paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act indicated in brackets before each item number on the Agenda:

PRIVATE MINUTE
PRIVATE EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORDS

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

Those voting for the motion	Those voting against	Those abstaining
Councillor L Beech	Councillor R G W Grosvenor	Councillor S A Hussain
Councillor Mrs B Brady		
Councillor Mrs V J Gould		
Councillor S McGarry		

Chairman