

EAST STAFFORDSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

Scrutiny (Regeneration, Development and Market Hall) Committee

Minutes of the Meeting of the Scrutiny (Regeneration, Development and Market Hall) Committee held in the Coltman VC Room, Town Hall on Thursday 21st September 2023 at 6.30p.m.

Present:

Councillors K. Smith (BEM) (Chairman), G. Allen, A. Clarke, T. Hadley, M. Huckerby, R. Lock, M. Shrive

Officers Present:

Daniel Arnold (Programmes and Transformation Team Leader), Daniel Caulkett (Democratic Services Officer)

Also Present:

Richard Bickle and Jane Avery (Co-operative Society representatives)

An apology for absence was received from: Councillor A. Afsar

11/23 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest at the commencement of the meeting.

12/23 **URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no urgent business submitted to the meeting pursuant to Rule 12.

13/23 **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

There were no questions from members of the public submitted.

14/23 **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE**

There were no questions from members of the Committee submitted.

15/23 **PUBLIC MINUTES**

That the Public Minutes of the Meeting held on the 5th July 2023 was approved by the Committee and signed as a correct record.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows.

Resolved:

Those voting for the motion	Those voting against	Those abstaining
Councillor K. Smith (BEM) Councillor G. Allen Councillor A. Clarke Councillor M. Huckerby Councillor R. Lock Councillor M. Shrive		Councillor T. Hadley

16/23 **SCRUTINY REVIEW PROGRAMME UPDATE**

Representatives from the Co-Operative Society, Richard Bickle and Jane Avery attended the meeting and provided an overview of the Co-Operative model as well as a question and answer session.

Councillors noted that with regard to secondary co-operatives, there would be a contributory payment/ financial contribution, whilst technically not all stakeholders needed to be officially involved, it would be unusual, with the more common method in bigger Co-operatives by having a Committee elected by the Co-operative members.

Councillors noted a Cooperative model could be applicable in 2 different environments concerning East Staffordshire Borough Council; the Market Hall and the Leisure Centre's.

Councillors noted there were currently 5 permanent traders in the Market Hall, with a minimum of two for a Co-operative approach, however, it would be dependent on the overhead costs as to what would make a successful Co-op.

The representatives of the Co-Operative Society would be able to advise as to the viability of proceeding with a Co-operative arrangement, and that any costs would be outlined in the Business Plan which would be prepared in the setting up.

Councillors noted that there needed to be a good use of the building, which would have natural support network from the public.

The following suggestions would be included in the Scoping Paper for the Scrutiny Review:

- Consult previous work carried out by the Committee
- A breakdown of Market Hall budgets and all associated costs be provided
- Information regarding the rental income of traders
- Ascertain the benefits co-operative models have to the community

It was highlighted by Councillors that for any consultation, a definition of the different co-operative models would be required.

NOTED.

17/23 **PUBLIC EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORDS**

Members considered the Public Executive Decision Records

An opportunity for questions followed.

NOTED.

18/23 **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Committee would be 13th December 2023.

NOTED.

19/23 **CORPORATE PLAN PERFORMANCE REPORT 2023/24 QUARTER 1**

The Report of the Head of Corporate and Environment Services, on the performance update on progress at the end of the first quarter of the 2023/24 financial year towards delivering East Staffordshire Borough Council's Corporate Plan, Leisure Services Contract Performance and Towns Fund Programme was considered. Appendix 1: Spreadsheet of Quarter 1 updates for Corporate Plan targets had been circulated with the report.

Councillors noted the report which stated that: out of 132 corporate targets, 82 were green, 6 were amber with 44 not yet due to be reported; of the 88 live targets, 93.18% were green status, 6.82% were amber status and 0% red status; at the end of Quarter 1 of the Leisure Contract Performance, 75 performance indicators were green, 3 were amber and 0 red; project progress on the Towns Fund Programme including key risks, current financial profiles, and claims for two projects: Cycle Network Enhancements (£780,049.76) and the College Project (£1,907,860).

An opportunity for questions took place.

The Programmes and Transformation Team Leader would seek an update on whether the 6 Amber targets have been rectified.

NOTED.

20/23 **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

APPENDIX 2 QUARTER 1 LEISURE SERVICES CONTRACT PERFORMANCE SUMMARY; APPENDIX 3 QUARER 1 TOWNS FUND PROGRAMME SUMMARY

PRIVATE MINUTES

PRIVATE EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORDS