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The Chair and Members of Scrutiny
Select Committee – Economic
Growth and Communities

28 November 2023

Dear Councillor,

Please attend a meeting of the SCRUTINY SELECT COMMITTEE – ECONOMIC GROWTH AND COMMUNITIES to be held on THURSDAY, 7 DECEMBER 2023 at 5.00 pm in Committee Room 1, Town Hall, the agenda for which is set out below.

AGENDA

Part 1(Public Information)

1. Declaration of Members' and Officers' Interests Relating to Items on the Agenda
2. Apologies for Absence
3. UKSPF Projects Update (Digital Presentation)
4. Travellers (Verbal Report)
5. Scrutiny Project Groups Progress Updates
6. Scrutiny Monitoring
7. Forward Plan (Pages 3 - 10)
8. Work Programme for the Scrutiny Select Committee - Economic Growth and Communities

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9. Minutes (Pages 11 - 16)

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Randy', written in a cursive style.

Head of Regulatory Law and Monitoring Officer

CHESTERFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL FORWARD PLAN
FOR THE FOUR MONTH PERIOD 1 DECEMBER 2023 TO 31 MARCH 2024

What is the Forward Plan?

This is formal notice under The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 of key decisions to be made on behalf of the Council. This Forward Plan sets out the details of the 'key' and other major decisions which the Council expects to take during the next four month period. The Plan is available to the public 28 days before the beginning of each month.

What is a Key Decision?

Any executive decision which is likely to result in the Council incurring significant expenditure or the making of savings where there is:

- a decision to spend £100,000 or more from an approved budget, or
- a decision to transfer funds of more than £50,000 from one budget to another, or
- a decision which would result in a saving of £50,000 or more to any budget head, or
- a decision to dispose or acquire any interest in land or buildings with a value of £50,000 or more, or
- a decision to propose the closure of, or reduction by more than ten (10) percent in the level of service (for example in terms of funding, staffing or hours of operation) provided from any facility from which Council services are supplied.

Any executive decision which will have a significant impact in environmental, physical, social or economic terms on communities living or working in one or more electoral wards. This includes any plans or strategies which are not within the Council's Policy Framework set out in Article 4 of the Council's Constitution.

Are any other decisions included on the plan?

The Forward Plan also includes details of any significant issues to be considered by the Executive Cabinet, full Council and Overview and Scrutiny Committee. They are called "non-key decisions". Non-key decisions that will be made in private are also listed.

How much notice is given of forthcoming decisions?

As far as possible and in the interests of transparency, the Council will seek to provide at least 28 clear days' notice of new key decisions (and many new non-key decisions) that are listed on this document. Where this is not practicable, such key decisions will be taken under urgency procedures (in accordance with Rule 15 (General Exception) and Rule 16 (Special Urgency) of the Access to information Procedure Rules). This will be indicated in the final column and a separate notice is also published with additional details.

What information is included in the plan?

The plan will provide a description of the decision to be taken, who will make the decision and when the decision is to be made. The relevant Cabinet Member for each decision is listed. If you wish to make representations about the decision to be made, the contact details of the appropriate officer are also provided. Decisions which are expected to be taken in private (at a meeting of the Cabinet or by an individual Cabinet Member) are marked "private" and the reasons privacy is required will also be stated. Each issue is also listed separately on the website which will show more details including any Urgency Notices if issued.

How is consultation and Community Engagement carried out?

We want all our communities to be given the opportunity to be involved in the decisions that affect them so before a decision is taken, where appropriate, community engagement activities are carried out. The Council's Community Engagement Strategy sets out a framework for how the Council engages with its customers and communities. Details of engagement activities may be found in reports when published. Alternatively you can contact the officer to whom representations may be made.

Notice of Intention to Conduct Business in Private

Whilst the majority of the business at Cabinet meetings will be open to the public and media to attend, there will inevitably be some business to be considered that contains, for example, confidential, commercially sensitive or personal information. This is formal notice under The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 that the Cabinet meetings shown on this Forward Plan will be held partly in private because some of the reports for the meeting will contain either confidential information or exempt information under Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 (as amended) and that the public interest in withholding the information outweighs the public interest in disclosing it.

A list of the reports which are expected to be considered at this meeting in private are set out in a list on this Forward Plan. They are marked "private", including a number indicating the reason why the decision will be taken in private under the categories set out below:

- (1) information relating to any individual
- (2) information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual
- (3) information relating the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)
- (4) information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matter arising between the authority or a Minister of the Crown and employees of, or office holders under, the authority.
- (5) Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.
- (6) Information which reveals that the authority proposes (a) to give under any enactment a notice under or by virtue of which requirements are imposed on a person; or (b) to make an order or direction under any enactment.
- (7) Information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime.

If you would like to make representations about any particular decision to be conducted in private at this meeting then please email: democratic.services@chesterfield.gov.uk. Such representations must be received in advance of 5 clear working days before the date Cabinet meeting itself, normally by the preceding Monday. The Council is required to consider any representations received as to why an item should not be taken in private and to publish its decision.

It is possible that other private reports may be added at shorter notice to the agenda for the Cabinet meeting or for a Cabinet Member decision.

Huw Bowen
Chief Executive

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CHESTERFIELD
BOROUGH COUNCIL

Meeting Dates 2023/24

<u>Cabinet</u>	<u>Council</u>
23 May 2023	15-May-2023 17 May 2023
20 June 2023 20 June 2023*	
18 July 2022 18 July 2023*	19 July 2023
19 September 2023 19-September 2023*	
17 October 2023 17-October-2023*	18 October 2023
14 November 2023 14 November 2023*	
12 December 2023 12 December-2023*	13 December 2023
16 January 2024 16-January-2024*	
6 February 2024 6-February 2024* 20 February-2024 20-February-2024*	21 February 2024
19 March 2024 19-March-2024*	
16 April 2024 16 April 2024*	24-April-2024
14 May 2024 14 May 2024*	15 May 2024

*Joint Cabinet and Employment and General Committee

Cabinet members and their portfolios are as follows:	
Leader and Cabinet Member for Economic Growth	Councillor Tricia Gilby
Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance and Asset Management	Councillor Amanda Serjeant
Cabinet Member for Business Transformation and Customers	Councillor Gavin Baldauf-Good
Cabinet Member for Governance	Councillor Judy Staton
Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing	Councillor Jonathan Davies
Cabinet Member for Housing	Councillor Jean Innes
Cabinet Member for Town Centres and Visitor Economy	Councillor Kate Sarvent
Cabinet Member for Climate Change, Planning and Environment	Councillor Martin Stone
Minority Member without portfolio	Councillor Paul Holmes

In addition to the Cabinet Members above, the following Councillors are voting Members of the Joint Cabinet and Employment and General Committee

Councillor Gavin Baldauf-Good
Councillor Maureen Davenport
Councillor Glenys Falconer
Councillor Bob Brock
Councillor Dave Culley
Councillor Peter Innes

(To view the dates for other meetings please click [here](#).)

Decision No	Details of the Decision to be Taken	Decision to be taken by	Relevant Portfolio Holder	Earliest Date Decision can be Taken	Representations may be made to the following officer by the date stated	Public or Private	Decision Under Urgency Provisions
Key Decisions							
Key Decision 398	Sale of CBC Land/Property	Deputy Leader	Cabinet Member - Finance and Asset Management	Not before 1st Dec 2023	Matthew Sorby Tel: 01246 345800 matthew.sorby@chesterfield.gov.uk	Exempt 3	No
Key Decision 584	Purchase of Property under Strategic Acquisitions and Right of First Refusal Policy	Service Director - Housing	Cabinet Member for Housing	Not before 1st Dec 2023	James Crouch Tel: 01246 345150 james.crouch@chesterfield.gov.uk	Exempt 3	No
Key Decision 1140	Collection Fund Revised Estimates 2022/23	Cabinet	Deputy Leader	24 Jan 2023	Theresa Channell Service Director - Finance theresa.channell@chesterfield.gov.uk	Public	No
Key Decision 1182	Period 2 Budget Monitoring	Cabinet	Deputy Leader	17 Oct 2023	Theresa Channell Service Director - Finance theresa.channell@chesterfield.gov.uk	Public	No
Key Decision	Staveley 21: Procurement and Appointment of a Main Contractor (two stage design and build)	Cabinet Member for Town Centres and Visitor Economy	Cabinet Member - Economic Growth, Cabinet Member - Town Centres and Visitor Economy	4 Sep 2023	Abbie Miladinovic, Stephen Wenlock abbie.miladinovic@chesterfield.gov.uk, stephen.wenlock@chesterfield.gov.uk	Confidential 3	No

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Key Decision 1187	Tapton Park Golf Course	Cabinet	Cabinet Member - Health and Wellbeing	12 Dec 2023	Ian Waller Service Director - Leisure, Culture and Community Wellbeing ian.waller@chesterfield.gov.uk	Public	No
Key Decision 1189	Derbyshire Strategic Leadership Board	Council	Cabinet Member - Economic Growth	13 Dec 2023	Huw Bowen Chief Executive Tel: 01246 936466 huw.bowen@chesterfield.gov.uk	Public	No
Key Decision 1190	Internal Audit Annual Report	Council	Cabinet Member - Governance	18 Oct 2023	Jenny Williams Tel: 01246 345468 jenny.williams@chesterfield.gov.uk	Public	No
Key Decision 1191	Independent Remuneration Panel Review of Members Allowances	Cabinet Council	Deputy Leader	12 Dec 2023 13 Dec 2023	Gerard Rogers Tel: 01246 345310 gerard.rogers@chesterfield.gov.uk	Public	No
Key Decision 1195	Public Spaces Protection Order	Cabinet	Cabinet Member - Health and Wellbeing	12 Dec 2023	Shaun Morley shaun.morley@chesterfield.gov.uk	Public	No
Key Decision 1194	Proposal for an Investment Zone	Cabinet	Leader	14 Nov 2023	Neil Johnson Service Director - Economic Growth Tel: 01246 345241 neil.johnson@chesterfield.gov.uk	Public	No

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Key Decision 1193	Period 5 Budget monitoring report	Cabinet	Deputy Leader	14 Nov 2023	Theresa Channell Service Director - Finance theresa.channell@chesterfield.gov.uk	Public	No
Key Decision 1192	Budget strategy implementation plan	Cabinet	Leader	14 Nov 2023	Theresa Channell Service Director - Finance theresa.channell@chesterfield.gov.uk	Public	No
Private Items (Non Key Decisions)							
Non-Key 374	Outstanding debts for write off	Cabinet Member for Business Transformation and Customers	Cabinet Member for Business Transformation and Customers	Not before 1st Dec 2023	Theresa Channell Service Director - Finance theresa.channell@chesterfield.gov.uk	Exempt 3	No
Non-Key 363	Application for Home Repairs Assistance	Cabinet Member for Housing	Cabinet Member for Housing	Not before 1st Dec 2023		Exempt 1, 3	No
Non-Key 367	Lease of Commercial and Industrial Properties	Deputy Leader	Cabinet Member - Finance and Asset Management	Not before 1st Dec 2023	Matthew Sorby Tel: 01246 345800 matthew.sorby@chesterfield.gov.uk	Exempt 3	No

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Non-Key 368	Application for Discretionary Rate Relief	Cabinet Member for Business Transformation and Customers	Cabinet Member for Business Transformation and Customers	Not before 1st Dec 2023	Damon Bruce Head of Customer Services damon.bruce@arvato.co.uk	Exempt	No
Non-Key Page 9 369	Council Plan Delivery Plan Half Year Performance Report	Cabinet	Deputy Leader	14 Nov 2023	Katy Marshall Tel: 01246 345247 katy.marshall@chesterfield.gov.uk	Public	No

Non Key Items

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SCRUTINY SELECT COMMITTEE – ECONOMIC GROWTH AND COMMUNITIES

Thursday, 26th October, 2023

Present:-

Councillor Flood (Chair)

Councillors Hollingworth
S Niblock

Councillors Ogle

*Matters dealt with under the Delegation Scheme

11 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' AND OFFICERS' INTERESTS RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

No declarations of interest were received.

12 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bagley, Twigg, Dyke, Yates and Wheeldon.
Councillor Jacobs was absent.

13 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 - EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED –

That under Section 100(a)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

14 CRIME AND DISORDER UPDATE

The Head of Community Safety and Regulatory Services presented a report updating members on issues relating to Community Safety,

including an overview of current crime and ASB trends and progress made within the night-time economy.

It was reported that Chesterfield Borough Council has developed an effective Community Safety Partnership. This enables coordinated delivery of appropriate actions that will support the reduction of crime and anti-social behaviour in Chesterfield and contribute to the overall safety of Chesterfield residents, visitors and businesses.

The key concerns identified within local communities are Anti-social behaviour, Violent Crime, Domestic Violence and alcohol and drug misuse therefore efforts and resources are concentrated here.

It was reported that there has been a 19.8% decrease in nuisance ASB within the period September 2022 to August 2023. This accounts for the majority of ASB incidents in Chesterfield and includes neighbourhood disputes, street drinking and youth nuisance within local communities. Analysis also showed that diversionary activity undertaken by Chesterfield Borough Council and partners in Chesterfield town centre has had a positive impact on anti-social behaviour in the town with ASB reducing by 9.3% for August 2022 to July 2023, compared to the previous 12 month period.

Key areas of ASB incidents were discussed, including youth related ASB. It was reported that there would hopefully be funding from the PCC for 2 years for two new enforcement officers who would work alongside PCSOs in Staveley. This would help to expand influence and visibility.

An overview of crime trends within Chesterfield was given. It was noted that there had been a general increase in violence both with and without injury and Public Disorder but that this was due to better recording standards rather than an increase in crime. Similarly, there had also been an increase in recording historical crimes which had impacted upon Domestic Violence figures. There had been a decrease in burglary and car crime. The rise of shoplifting was a concern due to the current economic climate and cost-of-living crisis. This issue is consistent with all other areas of Derbyshire and reflects a national trend. There has been lots of work done from a police and partnership perspective i.e., many shoplifters are receiving Criminal Behaviour Orders which restricts their movements.

As a partnership, significant work is being done in the key areas of alcohol related crimes, domestic abuse crimes and violence against women and girls.

The report then focussed on how Chesterfield Borough Council and Derbyshire Police are working in partnership to provide a mechanism to coordinate and prioritise the resources and activities of the partnership, and all other relevant agencies to enable the further development of Chesterfield town centre as a safe and prosperous place to be in, with particular focus on the Night-time Economy.

An integrated and co-ordinated approach to the Night-time Economy at a strategic, tactical and operation level is now utilised. This takes the form of a monthly strategic meeting between Chesterfield Borough Council and Derbyshire Police with a fortnightly tactical meeting and a weekly operational meeting to collate intelligence, identify risks and coordinate tactical interventions. There is increased police and CBC enforcement presence and street pastors. The aim will be to achieve a consistent visible partnership resource, engagement with stakeholders in the night-time economy and the effective sharing of information and intelligence.

An overview of the Initiatives delivered by the partnership over the last six months was given. These included Best Bar None, Vulnerability Hub/ Safe Space, Digital Communications System and Safer Streets 5. It was also detailed how those initiatives provided the foundations for the Council to be able to apply for Purple Flag status, which is a nationally and internationally recognised award for towns and cities that can demonstrate a safe evening and night-time economy.

It was noted that to develop a collaborative working approach there were plans for the development of a training programme for enforcement staff. They would be upskilled in areas such as conflict management, problem solving and investigation techniques, as well as key legislation and best practice in a variety of enforcement areas.

It was reported that Chesterfield had recently been successful in securing funding from the Police and Crime Commissioner to recruit an additional two enforcement officers who will be specifically dedicated to patrolling areas that experience high levels of anti-social behaviour. The recruitment of these two officers will increase the overall establishment of the enforcement staff to five, which is a 200% increase of the resource

capacity that that the council has for enforcement work compared to January 2022.

Inspector Kara Simpson from Derbyshire Police reported that the Safer Neighbourhoods team were now fully staffed and that this was having a positive impact on hard-to-reach communities. It was noted that although crimes such as shoplifting had increased, arrests were being made and Criminal Behaviour Orders were being applied for. This is in part due to the increase in partnership working.

Members thanked The Head of Community Safety and Regulatory Services for their report and applauded the Initiatives being undertaken. Specific questions were asked around the work patterns of the two new enforcement officers. It was reported that resources would be aligned to match issues. There would also be a much closer working with the police, ensuring that there will be a consistent presence. Questions were also raised around specific issues with Travellers. These would be answered in more depth at the next meeting of this committee, when a specific report around this would be submitted.

There were queries around the impact of covid on younger people and whether behaviours had changed. It was reported that the Police work with schools and there have been diversionary activities offered through the community safety partnership funding.

Members commented that as the figures submitted in the previous report were for the former ward boundaries, it was difficult at this time to do a comparison. It was anticipated that they would be better placed to comment on comparisons at the next update which would be in six months.

Members all passed on their thanks for the partnership working during the local floods by the Council, police force, ambulance service, and rescue services from the Peak.

RESOLVED –

That the report be noted.

There were no Scrutiny Project Groups updates to be presented.

16 **SCRUTINY MONITORING**

This is a standard agenda item for the Committee to consider the scrutiny recommendations implementation monitoring schedule.

Members discussed the planned reports for up-coming meetings. It was agreed that in order to properly scrutinise and devote time to the big issues that would be raised, it would be best to have just one large report each meeting. Members were asked if they had any smaller items that they would like to focus on which could then be added into these meetings. It was agreed that there would need to be a scrutiny focus on the recent flooding within Chesterfield. This would likely be early next year.

RESOLVED –

There was no scrutiny monitoring schedule to be noted.

17 **FORWARD PLAN**

The Committee considered the Forward Plan for the period 1 November 2023 to 29 February 2024. Members were reminded to check this document regularly as dates are changeable. As this Committee can complete pre-decision scrutiny it is timely to scrutinise areas before they go to Cabinet for decision. It was noted that if any Members had any queries or questions they should contact the Chair for discussion.

RESOLVED –

That the Forward Plan be noted.

18 **WORK PROGRAMME FOR THE SCRUTINY SELECT COMMITTEE -
ECONOMIC GROWTH AND COMMUNITIES**

There is no current formulated plan, however there are items over-running from the last programme which need signing off.

RESOLVED –

That the action be noted.

19 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED –

That the Minutes of the meeting Scrutiny Select Committee – Economic Growth and Communities on 13th July 2023 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.