

JOINT CABINET AND EMPLOYMENT & GENERAL COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 1st October, 2019

Present:-

Councillor P Gilby (Chair)

Councillors	Blank	Councillors	Brittain
	T Gilby		Holmes
	Serjeant		J Innes
	Simmons		T Murphy
	Mannion-Brunt		K Falconer

*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 Davenport, Ludlow and Sarvent.

13 MINUTES

RESOLVED –

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Joint Cabinet and Employment and General Committee of 10 September, 2019 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

14 DELIVERING CHESTERFIELD'S GROWTH STRATEGY

The Chief Executive, Executive Director and Assistant Director – Economic Growth submitted a report seeking approval for the establishment of a Joint Growth Board and a Joint Growth Unit to support the delivery of Chesterfield's Growth Strategy.

A number of key growth and regeneration projects currently underway in the borough have the potential to put Chesterfield on a higher growth trajectory and redress the deficit in local job creation.

Most of the key projects were being led by the private sector but Chesterfield Borough Council and Derbyshire County Council had important roles in fostering the right environment for growth, and working with private sector developers and investors.

A Joint Growth Board was proposed which would work within the existing constitutions of both partner councils. The Board would have responsibility for monitoring delivery of a defined list of key projects and making decisions to ensure projects remained on track. The Board would include Leaders of both councils and appropriate Cabinet Members.

A Joint Growth Unit was also proposed to increase the overall level of staff resources available for the delivery of key growth projects. The proposed posts were detailed in Appendix B of the officer's report. The Human Resources implications of the Joint Growth Unit were included in the report.

It had been proposed to utilise the business rate growth arising from the Markham Vale Enterprise Zone to support the cost of the new joint growth unit.

15 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 involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 4 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

16 DELIVERING CHESTERFIELD'S GROWTH STRATEGY - APPENDIX F

Pursuant to Minute No.14 – The Chief Executive, Executive Director and Assistant Director – Economic Growth submitted Appendix F of the Delivering Chesterfield's Growth Strategy report for consideration.

17 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 - RE-ADMISSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED -

That the public be readmitted to the meeting following consideration of an item containing exempt information.

18 DELIVERING CHESTERFIELD'S GROWTH STRATEGY

Pursuant to Minute No.14 and 16 –

***RESOLVED –**

1. That an informal Joint Growth Board with Derbyshire County Council be established in order to provide improved focus on the delivery of key growth projects within Chesterfield borough.
2. That a new Joint Growth Unit, with officer roles designed to focus on the delivery of key growth projects, be established with additional provision for the commissioning of further specialist advice and support as required.
3. That a new Skills Delivery Officer post, be established in the Economic Development Service.
4. That the Executive Director, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Economic Growth, be granted delegated authority to approve the final job descriptions for the new posts and the final budget for the Joint Growth Unit.
5. That it be recommended to Full Council that the costs of establishing the new Joint Growth Unit be met through the retained business rates income received from the Markham Vale Enterprise Zone.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

To ensure that the delivery of key growth projects and programmes is effectively structured and resourced in support of sustainable economic and housing growth to drive outcomes and benefits for the community and to ensure Chesterfield achieves its growth strategy objectives.