

ECONOMIC GROWTH AND REGENERATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES AND DECISION RECORD

28 February 2023

The meeting commenced at 10.00 am in the Civic Centre, Hartlepool.

Present:

Councillor Young (In the Chair)

Councillors Brown, Clayton, Feeney,

Officers: Denise McGuckin, Managing Director
Gemma Ptak, Assistant Director (Preventative and Community Based Services)
Paul Taylor | Strategic Development and Sustainability Manager
Amanda Whitaker, Democratic Services Team

34. Apologies for Absence

Councillor Loynes, Hargreaves and Lindridge

35. Declarations of Interest

None

36. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 24 January 2023 were received.

37. Economic Growth Team – Business Events 2023

(Assistant Director – Development and Growth)

Type of decision

It was highlighted at the meeting that the report had been included in the Forward Plan as a Key decision – Forward Plan reference E85 refers. It was clarified at the meeting that as indicated in the report, the report was Non-Key as the decision arose as a result of approval of the Inclusive Growth Strategy.

Purpose of report

To provide details of the Economic Growth Team's 2023 business events programme.

Issue(s) for consideration by the Committee

The Committee was advised that to support the delivery of the recently approved Inclusive Growth Strategy, the Economic Growth Team would be organising a number of events to engage with local businesses. The events would cover the priorities highlighted in the Inclusive Growth Strategy's ten point plan, primarily the business support interventions, inclusive of specific priority sectors such as the creative industries. The proposed events would cover a variety of themes and raise awareness of support services available locally, in the Tees Valley and through national initiatives. The table set out in the report summarised the Team's proposed events programme for 2023.

Decision

The Committee approved the Economic Growth Team's proposed events programme for 2023.

38. Levelling Up Fund Update

Type of decision

For information

Issue(s) for consideration by the Committee

The Committee received an update by the Strategic Development and Sustainability Manager which provided an overview of the submission and funding from the Levelling Up Fund for Hartlepool's Screen Industries Production Village. The presentation included the timeline and background to the submission and announcement of the successful bid. The successful submission had been for £18,567,891 programme, securing £16,453,891 grant and £2million from Tees Valley Combined Authority.

The Committee was advised that the funding would be used to acquire and develop flexible spaces for post-production, back-office, accommodation and wider support services for the screen industries. A Production Village would be embedded in the town centre which would complement recent investments.

It was reported that the component parts of the bid included land assembly with the acquisition of properties totalling £1.95million, demolition of some existing assets and construction of 2,750 sq metres flexible commercial/workshop/accommodation floorspace, restoration of strategic heritage assets and amenity enhancements.

The Committee was advised that the subsequent part of the presentation contained exempt information under Schedule 12A Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006 namely (Paragraph 3) information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

Details were presented of those properties to be acquired including the associated costs and details of public realm works.

The meeting returned to open session when the Strategic Development and Sustainability Manager concluded the presentation with details of benefits and outcomes, subsidy control and next steps. The Committee discussed issues arising from the presentation and received clarification to their subsequent questions.

The Managing Director expressed her appreciation to those who had been involved in the bid and highlighted the extensive work involved.

Decision

The presentation was noted.

39. Tall Ships Update

Type of decision

For information

Issue(s) for consideration by the Committee

The Committee received an update by the Assistant Director (Preventative and Community Based Services) which advised the Committee of details of the Tall Ships Race. Elected members were reminded that Hartlepool will be the second host port over the period 6th-9th July 2023. The range of governance arrangements to manage the project was presented.

The Committee was advised that the event site would be split into 5 zones with each zone containing welfare facilities, seating, food and beverage and entertainment. An overview of the event programme was also included in

the update together with economic and social impact considerations, sustainability actions, ships hospitality packages and sponsorship options.

Following the presentation, the Chair and Managing Director recognised the work involved in preparing for the event which would be the United Kingdom's largest and longest free event, in 2023.

The Assistant Director responded to questions arising from the presentation.

Decision

The presentation was noted.

The meeting concluded at 11.20 a.m.

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CHIEF SOLICITOR

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