

Report of:	Interim Head of Economic Prosperity
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Key Decision:	No
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COUNCIL
25 JULY 2018
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOWN CENTRES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
ANNUAL REPORT 2017-18

1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report summarises the work undertaken by the Economic Development and Town Centres Scrutiny Committee during the municipal year 2017-18.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 That the report be noted.

3 Key Issues and Reasons for Recommendation

- 3.1 The report summarises the work undertaken by the Economic Development and Town Centres Scrutiny Committee during the municipal year 2017-18.
- 3.2 The Committee received information on:
- (i) the end of year outturn for the Priority Delivery Plan for 2016-17;
 - (ii) progress reports on the Priority Delivery Plan for 2017-18;
 - (iii) Review of transport provision in the district.
- 3.3 The review focused on bus services and as a result made three recommendations:

- That Cabinet be recommended to write to Arriva to show support for the inclusion of Rugeley within the “saver zones” area and the Scrutiny Committee be advised of any reply received.
- That a letter be forwarded to Staffordshire County Council on behalf of the Committee expressing their disappointment on the reduced bus services being provided in the District from April, 2018.
- That Parish/Town Council’s be contacted to ask if they would be willing to make a contribution towards subsidising the Lichfield and Rugeley Village Connect service.

4 Relationship to Corporate Priorities

- 4.1 The Economic Development and Town Centres Scrutiny Committee is responsible for scrutinising matters relating to the Economic Development and Town Centres corporate priority..

5 Report Detail

- 5.1 It was agreed in July 2016 by full Council that in future the Scrutiny Committees would produce an annual report for Council on the work undertaken by each of the Committees.

- 5.2 The key role of the Scrutiny Committee is to:

- Hold the executive to account;
- Ensure corporate priorities are met
- Review and develop policies
- scrutinise partners
- consider performance management information

- 5.3 The remit of the Economic Development and Town Centres Scrutiny Committee during 2017-18 included:

- Economic Development and Town Centres PDP
- Planning
- Economic Development
- Building Control
- Markets
- Land and Property Holdings (excluding HRA)
- Town Centre Regeneration

- 5.4 The Committee considered the following items during 2017-18:

4 July 2017

- End of Performance Report 2016-17
- Committee’s work programme for 2017-18

12 December 2017

- PDP Q1 and Q2 2017/18 update
- Update on the Transport Review by the Transport Working Group

4 April 2018

- PDP Q3 2017/18 update
- Conclusions of the Transport Review by the Transport Working Group
- Information on the SWIFT Travel Scheme
- Update on use of Section 106 monies in relation to Rugeley Tesco

5.5 A Member Working Group was established to scrutinise transport provision with the focus on bus services. This Transport Working Group met on 3 occasions and representatives from Staffordshire County Council and/or Arriva attended each meeting. This gave Members opportunity to receive information and to scrutinise these representatives on the local bus services.

5.6 As a result of the work of The Transport Working Group the Committee made 3 recommendations:

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6 Implications

6.1 Financial

None

6.2 Legal

None

6.3 Human Resources

None

6.4 Section 17 (Crime Prevention)

None

6.5 Human Rights Act

None

6.6 Data Protection

None

6.7 Risk Management

None

6.8 Equality & Diversity

None

6.9 Best Value

None

7 Appendices to the Report

None

Previous Consideration

None

Background Papers

None