Meeting of the Economic Development and Enterprise Scrutiny Committee

December 2nd 2015

Call In regarding land adjacent to Maxims, Newcastle This call-in was rejected by the Committee

Call In regarding Sheldon Grove Chesterton

This call-in was accepted by the Committee and Cabinet was requested to reconsider their decision regarding the sale of this land.

Community Infrastructure Levy

As the report was not ready for the meeting, this item was deferred to the March EDE Scrutiny meeting.

Tourism Awards

These are organised by Enjoy Staffordshire. It was agreed to support and promote the Tourism Awards within the Borough.

Newcastle-under-Lyme Homelessness Strategy

The Committee commented on and approved the Final Draft of the Strategy for 2016 to 2021 which is currently under consultation. The Committee also commented on and accepted the Homelessness Review and Action Plan from November 2015.

Newcastle Housing Advice Contract Progress

Statistics for Quarter 2 were presented. These were commented on and accepted.

Newcastle Town Centre Partnership

Performance Statistics for Quarter 2 were presented, commented on and accepted. There was also an update on the Partnership's activities leading up to Christmas and the Business Improvement District. As at November 4th approximately 33% of the eligible businesses had signed up to the scheme providing half of the income required.

NULBC no longer has any financial commitment to the Partnership but it was agreed to continue to request quarterly Performance Updates.

Kidsgrove Town Centre Partnership

An update was received. It is pleasing to note that the vast majority of the money allocated by the Borough has now been spent. Christmas lighting has been purchased and a revamped website has been re-launched.

Councillor Dave Stringer

Chair