

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ENTERPRISE OVERVIEW AND
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, 23rd November, 2011

Present:- M Olszewski – in the Chair

Councillors A Beech, D Clarke, Holland, Loades, I Wilkes, G Cairns,
P Hailstones and Olszewski

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest given.

2. MINUTES OF A PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved:- That the minutes of the meetings held on 24 August and 28 September 2011 be agreed as a correct record.

3. BROADBAND PROVISION

The Council's Elections and Licensing Manager updated Members on the current position regarding the Working Group. A further meeting had been arranged for 6 December at which a representative from BT would be in attendance.

The County Council were carrying out an exercise for the whole County and these results would be available at the end of December. This Committee could then examine those statistics. There was a dedicated Project Officer at the County who could be contacted for more information.

Resolved:- (a) That the information be received.

(b) That the County be approached for more information.

4. HIGH SPEED 2 LTD

The Council's Elections and Licensing Manager updated Members on the current situation. The Government's decision as to whether or not to proceed would not be made until December and therefore it would be advisable to await the decision before progressing further.

Some concerns were raised regarding the re-opening of old lines especially where country parks or residential developments had been established.

Resolved:- That the information be received and the comments noted.

5. COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL)

Members were advised that there was nothing further to report on this item.

Resolved:- That the comments be noted.

6. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

Members were advised that there was nothing further to report on this item.

The Document was said to be easy to understand and needed a few minor amendments with regular reviews.

The Council's Regeneration and Economic Development Manager would report back to the February meeting of this Committee.

Resolved:- That the information be received.

7. FORWARD PLAN

Consideration was given to a report on items contained within the Forward Plan which were relevant to this Committee

The Chair had been approached by the Council's Head of Housing requesting that this Committee scrutinise the Strategic Tenancy Policy and the Housing Allocations Policy.

The Chair to Transformation and Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee had asked if the Staffordshire Strategic Assets Review and the Assets Management Strategy 2012/13 to 2014/15 fell under the remit of this Committee. Members agreed that this was the case and requested that Scrutiny Briefs be brought to an extra meeting of this Committee to be held on 4 January 2012.

Resolved:- (a) That the information be received.

(b) That the Strategic Tenancy Policy and Housing Allocations Policy be scrutinised by the Committee in February 2012.

(c) That Scrutiny briefs be requested on the Staffordshire Strategic Assets Review and the Assets Management Strategy and be brought to the January meeting of this Committee.

8. URGENT BUSINESS

M OLSZEWSKI
Chair