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**MINUTES** of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND REGENERATION** held on 7 November 2019 at County Hall, Matlock

**PRESENT**

Cabinet Member – Councillor T King

Also in attendance – Councillors G Hickton and R Mihaly

**12/19**      **PETITION**    Mr Frank Adlington-Stringer attended in person to present his petition to the Cabinet Member to:

- i. declare a climate emergency;
- ii. make the County Council carbon neutral by 2030 and call on the government for resources and means to achieve aforementioned neutrality;
- iii. revise current and future local plans to adhere to the climate emergency;
- iv. publicise this climate emergency declaration to residents and businesses in Derbyshire, to encourage, support and enable the community to take action to reduce their carbon emissions in line with the 2030 report; and
- v. inspire the Government to be ambitious in its plans and encourage it to achieve national carbon neutrality by 2030 alongside limiting global warming to less than 1.5 degrees Celsius.

**RESOLVED** (1) to receive and note the petition; and

(2) to forward the petition to the Executive Director – Economy, Transport and Environment to investigate and consider the matters raised.

**13/19**      **MINUTES RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 10 October 2019 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.

**14/19**      **BUDGET MONITORING 2019-20 – PERIOD 5**    The Cabinet Member was provided with an update of the Revenue Budget position for 2019-20, up to the end of August 2019.

The net controllable budget for the Economic Development and Regeneration Portfolio was £0.701m. The Revenue Budget Monitoring Statement, prepared at Period 5, indicated that there was a projected year end underspend of £0.152m. The areas which made up this projection were detailed in the joint report.

Details of the Earmarked Reserves, totalling £0.832m, were currently held to support future expenditure. The Cabinet Member was asked to note that £0.100m of quoted figures had now been moved to the Central Reserve.

**RESOLVED** to note the report with the amendments stated.

**15/19      TOYOTA CITY PARTNERSHIP UPDATE** The Cabinet Member was given a half yearly update on the work and progress of Toyota City Partnership Development Board (TCPDB) against the approved Action Plan 2019-20.

**Economy** - Most of the activity was scheduled to take place in the second half of this year when representatives from TCPDB would promote Derbyshire businesses at a Business Convention in Toyota City. Preparations for this event were well underway.

On 10 October 2019, representatives from over 50 businesses attended an “Exporting to Japan” event organised by Derbyshire Economic Partnership (DEP), in partnership with the Department for International Trade. The focus of the event was on practical support for UK and Derbyshire businesses exporting to Japan and to publicise the support available from the various sources, including the County Council. Feedback from delegates was very positive with many highlighting that the culture and etiquette insight was useful, as well as the practical tips of exporting to Japan. Many commented that more and similar events were required for other trade markets.

**Education** - The relationship between the Universities of Derby and Chukyo had been further cemented through a memorandum of understanding signed by both Vice-Chancellors. The mutual collaboration would extend student experience, develop joint research programmes and develop joint programmes for post graduate study. The first joint PhD research would be in the area of ‘nature connectedness’, linked with the environmental project proposal.

The Toyota City Junior High School pupil exchange took place in September with 27 pupils aged 14/15 years visiting Derbyshire. The visits were to Pingle Academy and John Port Spencer Academy and both schools were interested in a full exchange the next year, with Derbyshire pupils going to Toyota City.

The Derby-Japanese School has been renamed the Derbyshire-Japanese School following the longstanding support from the County Council and had relocated to John Port Spencer Academy in Etwall. Over 100 students attend the school on Saturdays, from 19 Japanese companies, mainly in the East Midlands. The school massively supported Japanese inward investment and had strong links with a Derbyshire school, the University of Derby and Burton and South Derbyshire College.

**Culture** - The Japanese Embassy in the UK was promoting a Japanese Season of Culture in the UK between the Rugby World Cup 2019 in Japan and the Olympics/Paralympics in 2020. Representatives of TCPDB visited the Embassy with a proposal to run a Season of Japanese Culture in Derbyshire and Derby which was warmly received.

The interest in Derbyshire and Derby had been lively. The Season was opened by Ambassador Tsuruoka at the Derby museum showing Japanese woodblock prints on loan from the Ashmolean museum. The local programme continued to grow and enabled the promotion of local events, including an art installation at Belper North Mill, in the national programme.

The TCPDB had a stall at Chatsworth Country Fair for the second year running for three days in late August/early September 2019, which promoted Japanese culture and the relationship between Derbyshire and Toyota City. Over 2,500 postcards promoting the Season of Japanese Culture in Derbyshire were distributed.

A Derbyshire-Japan Society to promote cultural experience, foster friendship between Derbyshire and Toyota City people and generate more 'grass root' opportunities had been formed with over a hundred people already signed up. Toyota City Council was also organising a home stay for members of Derby Hot House saxophone orchestra to visit schools in the city when they travelled to Japan to play outside the Olympic Stadium.

**Environment** - Toyota City was an environmental champion in Japan through its Ecoful Town project. A similar project proposal was being developed with the National Forest Company taking the lead, to create a research project on sustainable work and lifestyles based in Toyota City. The intention was to make links with the nature connectedness research in Chukyo University.

It was an ambition of the TCPDB to send a colleague to live and work in Toyota City to work on a specific project and promote other TCPDB collaborations. A small team was working on this proposal.

As part of the Season of Culture, the TCPDB was helping the National Forest Company to develop a Japanese theme in the next Timber festival. Japanese businesses had gifted Sakura Cherry trees to the UK. Sixty three schools in Derbyshire made successful applications for a tree and a further 100 trees were divided between Shipley Park, Besses Recreation Park in Derby and Swadlincote. The trees were due to arrive in November 2020.

**Sport** - The TCPDB ran a small campaign to create links between the Rugby World Cup 2019 in Toyota City and Rugby teams in Derby/Derbyshire. Photos, team shirts and a signed England Rugby ball were used in a public exhibition at Toyota City during the Rugby World Cup.

The TCPDB continued to seek Olympians and Paralympians to become linked with Toyota City during the games, with Team GB's Women's Football

invited by Mayor Ota to watch a training session and other athletes to visit Toyota City.

**RESOLVED** to (1) note progress on the Toyota City Partnership Development Board's action plan for 2019-20; and

(2) receive further updates on a six monthly basis.

**16/19      OFFICE FOR LOW EMISSION VEHICLES – ON-STREET RESIDENTIAL CHARGEPOINT SCHEME** Derbyshire County Council had submitted an application to OLEV for 75% grant funding (25% to be matched by the Concessionaire, BP Chargemaster) to install 22 dual, fast EV charge points in the Derbyshire Dales District Council (DDDC) and High Peak Borough Council (HPBC) local authority areas. The units would be located in six car parks owned by the authorities in close proximity to residential areas which lacked off-street car parking:

**High Peak Borough Council**

Edward Street, Glossop  
Parking on Victoria Park Road (adj shops), Buxton  
Anchor Fold, Chapel-en-le-Frith

**Derbyshire Dales District Council**

Shawcroft car park, Ashbourne  
Edgefold Road, Matlock  
New Street, Bakewell

Primary benefits include providing electric vehicle charging provision for residents in these localities who do not have access to off-street car parking. This could enable residents to make the switch to electric vehicles and contributing to improved local, regional and national air quality standards. If successful, the project would contribute to reduced CO2 emissions, in line with the Council's ambition to achieve net zero CO2 emissions by 2050, as part of its Climate Change and Carbon Reduction Manifesto which was launched earlier this year and formed part of the Council's Low Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Strategy which would feed into the overarching Environment and Climate Change Framework.

The proposed car parks listed had been identified as suitable for development of LEV infrastructure through active discussion with both HPBC and DDDC. Comprehensive assessments had been undertaken by the Concessionaire, BP Chargemaster, to confirm suitability, particularly regarding connectivity to the appropriate networks controlled by the District Network Operators (DNO's), Western Power and Electricity North West.

The Energy Savings Trust (EST) was overseeing applications on behalf of OLEV; successful applicants would be informed by the end of November 2019. If successful, the Council were looking to use the D2N2 Concession

Delivery Agreement and engage with BP Chargemaster from December 2019 onwards. Full installation of the electric vehicle charge points was hoped to be completed by the end of March 2020. On-going management of the project would be by the ESG.

It was anticipated that successful local authorities would receive payment within approximately 25 working days on completion of the project. The Concessionaire, BP Chargemaster, had agreed to request 100% payment only on completion and commissioning of all installations, with payment terms of 30 days. There was therefore, a risk that the Council would not receive payment in full from OLEV before it was required to pay the Concessionaire.

The Council was also required to make appropriate arrangements with the Concessionaire to collect and submit data from each installation on a quarterly basis and in arrears. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in OLEV reserving the right to require repayment of grant funding.

Appropriate host license agreements signed between the Concessionaire, BP Chargemaster, and HPBC and DDDC, would be entered into: these agreements remove any risk or liability on Derbyshire County Council in terms of damage to land, cost over-run, etc.

All costs would be met from the successful grant funding bid from OLEV and the 25% contribution from BP Chargemaster. The grant funding application was capped at £100,000, with some flexibility in this for larger county councils however full, accurate costings were not available. Based on Nottingham City Council's best estimate it was considered the total value of the application would be approximately £241,500 - less BP Chargemaster's 25% contribution of £63,500 equalling £183,000.

**RESOLVED** to (1) accept the grant from the Office for Low Emission Vehicles as detailed in the report, should the application be successful; and

(2) the use of the D2N2 (Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire) Concession Delivery Agreement.