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Item 6 - Economic Development Strategy Delivery Plan Monitoring

The attached report was considered by the Improvement & Innovation Advisory Committee on 27 February 2020 and the People & Places Advisory Committee on 3 March 2020. The relevant Minute extracts are below:

Improvement & Innovations Advisory Committee (27 February 2020, Minute 35)

The Economic Development Officer presented the report updating Members on the delivery of the 2018-2021 Economic Development Strategy. Work on the strategy began in January 2019. The strategy was designed to have the flexibility to adapt to economic changes and needs of business customers. The performance targets were 86% green, 14% amber and 0% red.

In response to queries, Members were advised officers regularly attended networking events to discuss business needs and how the Council could provide support. Members were also advised that Swanley's good transport links, enhanced by the renovation of Swanley Station, would allow a workhub to be set up in Swanley without any issues with parking.

The Chairman highlighted the success of the Gateway Gatwick Group (Appendix A, 3.2a), which aimed to encourage tourism in West Kent, and the Sevenoaks support internship programme (Appendix A, 4.1b), which encouraged growth of skills and employability for young people with special educational needs. Members were advised that there were plans to continue working with the Gateway Gatwick Group and to encourage local authorities to set up a similar support internship programme.

Resolved: That the progress of the Economic Development Strategy delivery plan to date, be noted.

People & Places Advisory Committee (3 March 2020, Minute 37)

The Economic Development Officer presented the report updating Members on the delivery of the 2018-2021 Economic Development Strategy. Work on the strategy began in January 2019. The strategy was designed to have the flexibility to adapt to economic changes and needs of business customers. The performance targets were 86% green, 14% amber and 0% red.

In response to questions from Members, it was clarified that the Council did not provide financial support towards the business hubs, but assisted in networking and providing advice.

The Portfolio Holder highlighted the success of the Visitor Economy Forum (Appendix A, 3.1b) as a good network which allows many to share feedback on the Sevenoaks Visitor Economy.

The Chairman thanked the Economic Development Officer.

Resolved: That the progress of the Economic Development Strategy delivery plan to date, be noted.

Item 7 - Community Grant Scheme Draft Allocations 2020/21

The attached report was considered by the People & Places Advisory Committee on 3 March 2020. The relevant Minute extract is below:

People & Places Advisory Committee (3 March 2020, Minute 38)

The Community Projects & Funding Officers presented a report which set out information about the Community Grant Scheme and summarised applications received by the Council from voluntary organisations for funding during 2020/21, together with recommended grants. The amount of funding available for grants was £54,800. In addition, funding was given to Citizens Advice for 2020/21 under the terms of the three-year Service Level Agreement.

The Portfolio Holder thanked the Community Projects & Funding Officers for thoroughly setting out the process of allocating grants to her and the Deputy Portfolio Holder.

In response to questions from Members, the Community Projects & Funding Officers advised that the Eden Christian Trust were running a community based youth club which did not require the members to have Christian faith and therefore were eligible to receive a grant. It was advised that the recommended grant had the attached condition that the Youth Worker aligned with the KCC Youth Service.

The Chairman thanked the Community Project & Funding Officers.

Resolved: That the report be noted.

Item 8 - Sevenoaks District Community Safety Strategy & Action Plan 2020-21

The attached report was considered by the People & Places Advisory Committee on 3 March 2020. The relevant Minute extract is below:

People & Places Advisory Committee (3 March 2020, Minute 36)

The Community Safety Manager presented the report which set out Partnership activity aimed at addressing domestic abuse, serious and acquisitive crime, anti-social behaviour, safeguarding, substance misuse, and doorstep crime. The Action plan was a multi-agency document and would be monitored on a quarterly basis by the Community Safety Partnership to ensure that actions would be on target.

Following queries from Members, the Community Safety Manager advised that they were working with community wardens and local banks to help tackle doorstep crime. Members were advised that reports of domestic violence had increased as a result of law changes determining what counts as domestic violence, and victims more likely to report it. There were proactive campaigns in place to encourage residents to take precautions to prevent residential burglary.

The Chairman thanked the Community Safety Manager.

Resolved: That the report be noted.

