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**Executive Member for Communities and Economic Development**

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**Community Safety Partnership**

For 2 weekends in December the Safer Selby Hub organised a Night-time Economy Operation with partners from Selby District Council – Enforcement, Community Safety and Licensing, and North Yorkshire Police Licensing and Neighbourhood teams. The aim of the operations was to ensure that licensed premises were compliant the Covid regulations in force at that time. Advice and support were offered to the licensees alongside public engagement and education. 57 premises across the district were visited with 2 premises getting a repeat visit. 5 CIN's (Coronavirus Improvement Notices) were issued and 2 FPN's (Fixed Penalty Notices) of £1000 each were issued.

**Prevent**

The Community Safety Officer held the annual Counter Terrorism Local Plan (CTLTP) workshop in January which brings together a range of partners and schools to build up localised pictures of activity, education and responses around radicalisation in the area. The CTLTP is updated every April. All members have received the latest ACT briefing by email.

**Regeneration**

**Selby Station Gateway Transforming Cities Fund (TCF)**

The TCF project around Selby Station is progressing as per the delivery plan. The current phase of work has focused on preparation of designs and drawings to support the public consultation. The public consultation will be over four weeks, starting 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021, with completion 19<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

The consultation will focus on potential road layout changes, new options for the layout and appearance of the station building, and access improvements to Selby Park. The feedback from the consultation will help shape the detailed project designs and inform the Outline Business Case (OBC) that needs to be submitted to West Yorkshire Combined Authority (WYCA) for their approval process on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021. A decision on the OBC, and approval to move into the Final Business Case stage, is expected in the summer.

**Market Towns Revitalisation Programme**

The second Town Centre Regeneration Board meeting took place on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2021. The Board received a presentation from People and Places Consultant Chris Wade. Chris provided a summary of the work he has undertaken over the past two years. This

included detailing the consultation and engagement process he has undertaken, establishing town stakeholder groups, in Selby, Sherburn, and Tadcaster, and highlighting the stakeholder Forward Framework documents and related Action Plans.

As a result of the successful Board meeting, further work will be taken forward with Board Members, including Selby College, NYCC Highways Team and YNY LEP. The SDC Officer team will also now start to finalise Implementation Plans, progressing projects and initiatives identified through the engagement process.

### **Selby District Places and Movement Study**

Much of the analysis work, including traffic modelling, has now been completed for the three towns Selby, Sherburn, and Tadcaster.

The next stage of the work will focus on the preparation of design and presentational material for public consultation. The proposed joint consultation with North Yorkshire County Council will be undertaken during April and May 2021.

A report will be presented on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2021 to SDC Executive. The report will specifically ask for approval to undertake the consultation exercise. The consultation will aim to gather views from the public and key stakeholders on the draft proposals for improvements to highway infrastructure and public realm. The key objective being the improvement of the town centres, creating better places to work, visit, live, and spend leisure time.

After consultation, a preferred option for the town centres will be selected and more detailed designs will be progressed, with the aim of producing a final study report in May/June 2021. The document will be completed to a standard suitable for supporting any future application for Government funding.

### **Economic Development**

Work continues with Selby College to support the Kickstart scheme along with work placements. Will be attending the Business Engagement Breakfast during National Apprenticeship Week in February.

Re-started the Elmet Business Forum as a virtual meeting with 14 attendees. Well received by those attending with presentation from Selby College. Engaged with Bridge Employment Law who will do next presentation on "Coming Back After Furlough".

Engagement from existing businesses still relates to Covid, but issues raised more and more on mental health, ending furlough, extension of Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme (CBiL) and Bounce Back Loan Scheme (BBL) and delays at ports causing export issues which cost businesses in fines as well as additional paperwork costs.

Clipper Logistics, who already have a site in Selby town, have taken a long-term lease on the former Debenhams depot in Sherburn, at 650,000 sq. ft it was the single largest commercial property transaction of 2020. Clipper are planning to modernise the site with a view to making it their national flagship location. With Debenhams going into administration, 120 jobs based at the site have been made redundant, those affected have been asked to apply for Clipper related jobs as they become available. It is not known how many of these former employees are Selby District residents.

Selby District based businesses, **DB3 Architecture, Semperfli Fly Tying Materials, Yorcomms Group and Visible Thoughts** have been recognised in the Leeds City Regions top 100 digital tech adopters for the most digitally transformational, resilient, and innovative business in the region as part of the annual Digital Enterprise Top 100 report.

All the strategic site developers across the district continue to experience a significant uplift in enquiries for new investment in commercial space. Over the last three and a half years of operations, the Economic Development team has not experienced the current levels of interest and enquiry from national and international investment into the area. The scale and diversity of these enquiries reflects the strong partnerships established between the ED team and the Department for International Trade, the York and North Yorkshire LEP and strategic site developers such as Harworth, Glentool and P3P. There is an increased demand for new manufacturing space from both UK and international investors and closely reflects to Council's emphasise on bringing well paid, skilled jobs into the district. These include investment in leading edge agricultural technology such as vertical farming, and manufacturing components for consumer products.

### **Development of the Burn site**

The Selby District Local Plan 'Preferred Options' consultation takes place between 29 January 2021 and 12 March 2021 and seeks views on three options for a new settlement, including the Burn site.

In 2020, the Council commissioned JBA Risk Management to produce a detailed flood risk assessment for the site to support the allocation and to better understand flood risk and development potential. As a result of this work, the initial masterplan requires further work.

Officers are currently working with Homes England, the Government's housing accelerator, to procure the appropriate technical work and supporting information to promote a new garden village on the site through the 'Preferred Options' consultation period. It is expected that a consultant will be appointed w/c 15 February and will produce an updated masterplan for the site. This work will form part of submission to the emerging Local Plan, it will provide the foundations for a more detailed design of new settlement.

The Local Plan publication stage is expected in January 2022 when one new settlement will be selected. The examination of the Plan is expected in Autumn 2022.

Officers are also carrying out further investigations into how the Council can work with others partners to promote and to deliver the Burn site for a new settlement to achieve the best possible outcome for the district and its residents.

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