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**Executive Member for Communities and Economic Development**

**Report to Council – February 2020**

**Economic Development Framework delivery**

**Local Economic Partnerships (LEPs)**

LEP geographies are changing. Selby was previously in both the Leeds City Region (LCR) and York, North Yorkshire & East Riding (YNYER) LEP areas. Following the recommendations of the government's 2018 white paper, it has been agreed that from 1 April 2020, Selby District will fall solely within the York & North Yorkshire LEP. We will continue to work closely with LCR and East Riding colleagues on wider economic strategy.

The York and North Yorkshire (YNY) LEP published their draft **Local Industrial Strategy** (LIS). In consultation with the Director of Economic Regeneration and Place we have made representations to the LEP on the draft, ensuring that the strengths and opportunities of Selby District are fully recognised. Following consultation, a final version of the LIS will be submitted to government later this year. In addition a request for details of future infrastructure priorities was made by the YNY LEP, an initial list of potential pipeline infrastructure projects has been submitted. This helps provide a shared understanding with the LEP of likely infrastructure priorities in the district and means that Selby District Council and the LEP are well-placed to access future funding opportunities. Projects were identified that could come forward over the next 10 years and which reflected the Council's Economic Development Framework.

Alongside this, the Council has applied to the LEP for funding to help develop two potential infrastructure projects into worked-up business cases, ready to submit for future funding opportunities. These bids are for a second phase of Selby station redevelopment, and a Places and Movements study, to improve key road junctions and public spaces in and around Selby, Sherburn and Tadcaster.

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

As reported in my executive report to council in December, The Executive endorsed the submission of the outline business case for the Selby TCF proposals to WYCA, in partnership with NYCC. A funding announcement is expected as part of, or very close to, the budget on 11 March 2020.

**Strategic Employment Sites**

- **Eggborough Power Station** site – the developer, The Saint Francis Group, submitted two planning applications in late December 2019, the first being the hybrid

masterplan for the development of the main power station site delivering up to 2,265,000 sq.ft for B1,B2 and B8 development. The second application is for the development of all new sports facilities to replace the existing sport facilities with two new football pitches, and cricket pitch to the latest Sport England standards. In addition, there will be new pavilion facilities not previously available.

- **Kellingley** – an investment query was received via Department of International Trade (DIT) for a major international manufacturing company. Together with Planning colleagues, we provided information to the developer with early meetings. We also met with DIT regarding the broader portfolio of sites to make them aware of Selby's strong offer, positioning us well for similar investment queries in future.
- The **Coalfields Regeneration Trust (CRT)** is a charity formed to create opportunities for social and economic growth in and around former mining communities. CRT continue to work in partnership with Harworth Estates on a proposal for small commercial units at the entrance to Kellingley. The units will be suitable for small SMEs with the opportunity to grow and in many cases provide valuable supply chain facilities to support larger businesses investing in the wider Kellingley site. The planning applications for this are anticipated in February 2020.

## **SME Support**

During January 2020

- 12 SME businesses have received bespoke support packages from SDC in January.
- Business support events continue to perform well. Selby Enterprise Café (49 businesses) and Elmet Business Forum (32 businesses) are strong, and we are now preparing for the inaugural Selby District Business Conference and Awards in March. To date 52 business have registered to attend the Conference, with capacity for 150 delegates. The business awards entries have now closed and there were strong applications across all 8 categories with a total of 51 entries.
- Local business Semprefli has been nominated for the Department of International Trade Export Awards and been put forward as Export Champions.
- A business near Tadcaster, The Organic Pantry has successfully applied for a capital equipment grant of £25K, resulting in four additional jobs in the business.

## **Town Centre Revitalisation**

The work by Chris Wade of the People and Places Partnership to help develop long term visions and action plans for our town centres is progressing well. A Selby town culture and heritage group has had its inaugural meeting in January and will focus on the priorities for the town within the plan that focus on developing events, heritage interpretation and enhancing community engagement. Alongside this, the action plan will align with ideas developing around the Heritage Action Zone, Station proposals and the Selby Town Enterprise Partnership digital development and place marketing. The final Forward Framework & Action Plan is due for completion by end March. The different strands of the plan ensure that we keep a partnership focus on how we develop our towns at different levels to create vibrant places for local business and residents.

We are due to present findings of the Sherburn in Elmet work to local partners this month reflecting the perspectives on the town centre from over 800 respondents. Engagement with Tadcaster will commence after the Forward Framework and Action Plan is completed for Sherburn in the Spring.

### **Community Safety**

Colleagues from North Yorkshire Police and SDC licensing had a productive evening prior to Christmas delivering yet another night-time economy operation covering Selby, Sherburn in Elmet and Tadcaster. The focus of the operation was to positively engage with visitors to our night-time economy businesses and ensure safe and enjoyable evenings for all.

The patrols were supported by a trained drugs dog resulting in one voluntary attendance at the police station for possession of an illicit substance.

The Fire Service also attended as part of the operation to ensure safe environments for customers, speaking to two establishments around safe storage practices.

The operation also included a reassurance patrol in Eggborough to respond to concerns around substance use in local areas. The operations are a great demonstration of partners responding collaboratively and proactively to local concerns and received positive public responses.

### **Prevent**

As part of our statutory duties in Prevent, Selby District Council hosted a Counter Terror Local Profile event which engaged a range of partners from local authorities, North Yorkshire Police, schools and community organisations to review our local intelligence, practice and communications. In turn, we can develop support, education and the right tools to enable partners to respond pro-actively in preventing radicalisation in our communities. From this, local partners develop campaigns and activities to support community cohesion. The event was positive and showed some great collaboration in keeping our communities, safe, tolerant and welcoming.

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