

17th March 2022**Report of the Chair of the Infrastructure Safety & Growth Scrutiny Committee****Matters referred to Cabinet in accordance with the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules****Exempt Information**

None

Executive Summary

The following Committee has referred the following matter to Cabinet:

| Scrutiny Committee | Title of Matter referred | Date of Scrutiny meeting |
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| Infrastructure Safety & Growth Scrutiny Committee | Economic Development Service Workplan | 16 th February 2022 |
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Purpose

To update Cabinet and to make recommendations to it following consideration of matters by the Infrastructure Safety & Growth Scrutiny Committee.

At its meeting on 16th February 2022, the Committee received a report on the Economic Development Services Workplan, prior the item's consideration by Cabinet at Cabinet meeting on 17th March. Details of the Report can be found on the website [here](#).

The Committee considered the recommendations in that report which were for the Committee to note and following discussion the Committee agreed to amend one recommendation and move a further recommendation and accordingly the four recommendations of the Infrastructure Safety & Growth Scrutiny Committee set out below are recommended to Cabinet.

Recommendations

The Committee recommends to Cabinet that:

1. A financial contribution be made to support Staffordshire Destination Management Partnership (DMP) for financial year 2022/2023 with delegated authority given to the Assistant Director Growth and Regeneration in consultation with the relevant Portfolio holder(s) to make a decision on extending the contribution into financial years 2023/2025.
2. The package of economic measures detailed in the report focusing on Town Centre businesses and the wider tourism based economy be agreed.
3. The change of focus was noted from the current Start-Up Business grant to the Town Centre Business Grant.
4. Organisations which remained at this time subject to investigation by HMRC in respect of any applications for COVID related claims would be ineligible for Town Centre Business Grants.

Options Considered

None.

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