

Minutes of the meeting of **BISHOP AUCKLAND TOWN COUNCIL** held in the Wesley Room at the Four Clocks Centre, Bishop Auckland on **TUESDAY 30<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2019** at 6.00 p.m.

**Present:** Councillor Fleming (Mayor), and Councillors Allen, Blackburn, Brownson, Cullen, Chappell, Newton Woods, Wilson, A. Zair, L. Zair and S. Zair.

**Also Present:** David Anderson (Town Clerk)

**Public in Attendance:** No members of the public were present

**TC.168/18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

All members were present.

**TC.169/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made

**TC.170/18 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

In accordance with the provisions of Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, as amended by Section 100 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Council excluded the press and public for the remaining items on the agenda by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted since publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest.

**TC.171/18 BISHOP AUCKLAND MASTERPLAN**

Chris Myers, Regeneration Manager, Durham County Council gave a presentation highlighting the key findings and draft outcomes of the Bishop Auckland Masterplan. Annalisa Ward, Project Manager, Bishop Auckland Heritage Action Zone, was also present to update members on various aspects of the Heritage Action Zone project plan which were connected to the Masterplan.

It was noted that the Masterplan was scheduled to be considered by Durham County Council's Cabinet on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2019, subject to purdah rules connected to the European Elections later in May, and was confidential until published by the County Council.

Discussion took place on various aspects of the Masterplan including connectivity of the railway station and the town centre, free parking, toilet provision, town centre vacancies and coach parking.

Members thanked Chris and Annalisa for their presentations and the hard work of everyone involved in developing the Masterplan. The full report and delivery plan was eagerly awaited.

**RESOLVED:** That the information be noted.

**Signed:** .....  
**Town Mayor**