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STRATEGY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORT

NAME OF ORGANISATION/BODY	Gloucestershire Economic Growth Scrutiny Committee
DATE OF LAST MEETING ATTENDED	30 March 2023
BRIEF REPORT:	
<p>As usual, the meeting began with a brief update from the Chair of the Gloucestershire Economic Growth Committee (“GEGC”), Cllr Tony Dale, on that Committee’s recent work. There was some discussion on the upcoming transition of GEGC into the City Region Board, and specifically around the charring of that new Board, with some differences of opinion as to how that should be managed and whether or not the county council should/could chair. It was confirmed that this Scrutiny committee will go on to scrutinise the work of the City Region Board once the transition has taken place.</p> <p>The remainder of the meeting, which was hosted at the offices of Cheltenham Borough Council, comprised an update on CBC SLT’s vision for economic growth in the Cheltenham area, and a specific update on the Golden Valley Development. Members had various questions on aspects of that development, including how it is expected to lift prosperity in the adjoining communities (examples were given of other developments that were being looked to for best practice on this), and overall the presentation was positively received. The Committee agreed to continue visiting district offices on rotation every other meeting, to hear and discuss the local vision for the economy.</p> <p>The Executive Director for Economy, Environment & Infrastructure’s report was taken as read but a wide range of detailed questions received in advance of the meeting were answered by officers or deferred for written response. Members were advised that discussions between county and the districts on the operation of the Community Infrastructure Levy across the county had taken a more positive turn since the last meeting, and good progress was being made in those districts where a mechanism to distribute CIL to infrastructure providers did not already exist.</p> <p>Meeting papers: https://glostext.gloucestershire.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=731&MId=11204</p>	
FUTURE MEETINGS	25 May 2023
REPORT SUBMITTED BY	Cllr Chloe Turner
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