

Report of the Chairman on the work of the Economic Development Committee

The committee met on 16 November 2021. This report gives an overview of the key items considered by the Committee.

- The committee heard from the Town Centre Manager on the work that has been taking place to engage with businesses. The committee was pleased to hear that many businesses were benefiting from in various ways, including receiving help in identifying the cheapest available energy tariffs.
- The committee was pleased to hear that the Spelthorne Business Awards event had been well received and enjoyable. The committee lauded the vibrancy of the commercial activity in the borough.
- An update on renewing the Staines Business Improvement District was received.
- There was discussion about the Additional Restrictions Grant and ensuring that businesses were able to access it and make best use of it now that they were entering a phase of recovery from the pandemic.
- The local economic assessment was reviewed. It will be used to inform the drafting of a borough economic strategy.
- The committee also received updates on its areas of financial responsibility.

Councillor Colin Barnard

Chair of the Economic Development Committee