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Notice of Meeting

Dear Member

Economy and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Panel

The **Economy and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Panel** will meet in the **Council Chamber - Town Hall, Huddersfield** at **9.30 am** on **Thursday 18 January 2018**.

The items which will be discussed are described in the agenda and there are reports attached which give more details.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Julie Muscroft', on a light-colored background.

Julie Muscroft

Service Director – Legal, Governance and Commissioning

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The Economy and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Panel members are:-

Member

Councillor Rob Walker (Chair)

Councillor Martyn Bolt

Councillor Judith Hughes

Councillor Darren O'Donovan

Councillor Marielle O'Neill

Councillor Gemma Wilson

Mark Mercer (Co-Optee)

Agenda

Reports or Explanatory Notes Attached

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1: Minutes of the Previous Meeting

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To approve the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 14 December 2017.

2: Membership of the Committee

This is where Councillors who are attending as substitutes will say for whom they are attending.

3: Interests

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The Councillors will be asked to say if there are any items on the Agenda in which they have disclosable pecuniary interests, which would prevent them from participating in any discussion of the items or participating in any vote upon the items, or any other interests.

4: Admission of the Public

Most debates take place in public. This only changes when there is a need to consider certain issues, for instance, commercially sensitive information or details concerning an individual. You will be told at this point whether there are any items on the Agenda which are to be discussed in private.

5: Transport in Kirklees and West Yorkshire

Members of the Panel to consider a presentation on the issues facing the development of transport links in Kirklees and West Yorkshire

Please note that the debate at the meeting on the 18th is likely to focus on rail links, followed by a discussion on road links at the next meeting on 15 February 2018.

Contact: Paul Kemp, Service Director for Economy, Regeneration and Culture. Tel: 01484 221000

6: Work Programme

To discuss and update the 2017/18 work programme for the Economy and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Panel.

Contact: Steve Copley, Principal Governance and Democratic Engagement Officer. Tel: 01484 221000

7: Future Meetings

To note that the next meeting of the Panel will be held on Thursday 15 February 2018 at 9.30am in the Council Chamber, Huddersfield Town Hall. The meeting will be webcast.

Contact: Steve Copley, Principal Governance and Democratic Engagement Officer. Tel: 01484 221000

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KIRKLEES COUNCIL

ECONOMY AND NEIGHBOURHOODS SCRUTINY PANEL

Thursday 14th December 2017

Present: Councillor Rob Walker (Chair)
Councillor Martyn Bolt
Councillor Judith Hughes

In attendance: Councillor Viv Kendrick
Councillor Naheed Mather

Apologies: Councillor Darren O'Donovan
Councillor Marielle O'Neill
Mark Mercer (Co-Optee)

1 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the Panel meeting held on 7 November 2017 were presented and approved as a correct record.

2 Membership of the Committee

Apologies for absence were noted on behalf of Cllrs Darren O'Donovan and Marielle O'Neill, plus Mr Mark Mercer (Co-optee)

The Panel also noted that Mr Robert Walton (Co-optee) had submitted his resignation.

3 Interests

No interests were declared.

4 Admission of the Public

The meeting was held in public session.

5 Housing in Kirklees

The Panel welcomed the following officers to the meeting:

- Paul Kemp - Service Director for Economy, Regeneration and Culture
- Helen Geldart - Head of Housing Services
- Simon Taylor - Head of Development Management
- David Hamilton – Interim Assistant Director – Commissioning, Public Health & Adult Social Care

Cllr Rob Walker reminded members that, at the Panel meeting on 7 November 2017, members and officers had received an introductory presentation – a scene setter – describing the key issues surrounding the demand and supply of housing in Kirklees.

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The debate on 7 November 2017 had highlighted several issues which were of interest to the panel, but specifically:-

- The availability and demand for more supported housing provision
- The plans for the review of the housing allocations policy by 31 March 2018
- The opportunities to improve upon the current figures for the actual delivery of new homes for purchase or rental having considered the total number of planning permissions granted in the period from 2007 to 2016

Cllr Rob Walker also asked members of the Panel to note that the Chancellor of the Exchequer had, in his budget statement on 22 November 2017, made a number of statements about the actions which the government are planning to take to try to help deal with some of the housing issues which are of national concern.

Cllr Rob Walker invited officers to give a specific presentation to today's meeting on the demand and opportunities to develop the provision and supply of "Supported housing"

(NOTE:-The actual presentation, plus webcast of the discussion which took place during the meeting, is available via the Kirklees website)

In summary, the presentation and the discussion focused on:-

- What is being done to deal with the particular housing needs of "vulnerable people"
- The current number of retirement living schemes and extra care schemes in Kirklees
- Proposals for further developments in Ashbrow and Soothill
- The opportunities to consider and explore new joint ventures and partnerships to increase the number of schemes and homes available in Kirklees
- How the work on the Local Plan, plus evidence from the strategic housing assessment, plus the policy statements on the development of new proposals for housing, including affordable housing provision, can be used to encourage developers and partners to consider the opportunities to provide more supported housing
- Why the supply of more supported housing is important to colleagues in social care, who are facing the challenge of dealing with an increased number of residents and service users who may need some form of supported housing. Their current projections are:-
 - By 2030 – 98,200 people over 65
 - By 2030 – 4,800 adults with learning disabilities
 - By 2030 – 6,300 adults with physical disabilities
 - By 2030 – 3,200 adults with mental health conditions
- 1 in 10 people who live alone are lonely or isolated
- Around 3,500 in specialist housing at moment
- People will want a wider range of accommodation options
- People want different ownership and financing options

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- More people living with dementia
 - Self care confidence increasing
 - Increases in life expectancy
 - 1 in 3 people over 55 looking to downsize
 - Disabled children are living much longer
 - People with care needs want to be independent
 - 2 out of 4 people with long term conditions are more confident about managing them
- Officers plans to try to progress matters over the next 3 months by:-
- Building on and refresh the existing work undertaken on the specialist accommodation strategy, taking in to account the issues raised in the Kirklees supported housing event in November 2017
 - Taking forward a pathfinder proposal to draw down funding from the 2018/19 capital investment round
 - Progress outcomes based planning and delivery of work under communities plus

In summary, the open discussion between members and officers in today's Panel, highlighted that the demand for different types of supported housing projects is there and will continue to grow year on year.

The discussion also highlighted how important it was for colleagues and services within the council to continue to work together to raise awareness of these changes in demand, as well as the new opportunities for the council, developers, partners and the third sector, possibly working together to explore new and more creative models, partnerships and ventures, to begin to support, target and deliver the wide range of new supported housing schemes which are clearly required throughout Kirklees.

RESOLVED –

(1) That Paul Kemp, Helen Geldart, David Hamilton and Simon Taylor be thanked for their attendance at today's meeting, plus their presentation on "Supported housing"

(2) That an informal reference group – consisting of members of the panel – be created for the remainder of this municipal year, to allow members and officers to meet again with colleagues to:-

- Follow up on the issues raised by the debate on housing at the Panel meeting on 7 Nov 2017,

- Track progress with the actions that should follow on from the announcements on housing in the Chancellors budget statement on 22 November 2017

- Follow up on the issues raised by today's specific debate on supported housing and the actions and tasks which officers are planning to undertake in the next 3 months

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(3) That a visit be arranged for members of the panel to see some of the current extra care schemes in Kirklees, and to find out more about the residents and service users experiences of living there.

6 Corporate Performance Reports for 2017/18

Steve Copley explained that the quarter 2 performance monitoring report would be considered by the Cabinet on 19 December 2017.

Copies of the same report would be circulated direct to members of this panel, to allow members to submit any specific comments and/or questions to Cllr Rob Walker and Steve Copley, who will follow up on these with the appropriate officers.

This proposal would allow the formal Panel meetings to continue to focus on the discussions on (i) housing, (ii) transport and (iii) towns and communities.

RESOLVED - That the quarter 2 performance monitoring report be circulated direct to members of this panel, to allow members to submit any comments and/or questions to Cllr Rob Walker and Steve Copley who will then follow up on these with the appropriate officers.

7 Work Programme

The Panel received a current copy of the work programme for 2017/18.

It was also noted that the potential items for the next Panel meetings were likely to be:

- 18 January 2018 – Transport – General introduction to the issues for Kirklees and West Yorkshire to consider and address
- 18 January 2018 – Transport – Rail links – The issues and implications for Kirklees
- 15 February 2018 – Transport – Road links - The issues and implications for Kirklees

RESOLVED - That the work programme be received and updated, and presented to the next meeting of the Panel on 18 January 2018.

8 Future Meetings

The Panel were reminded that the next meeting should take place at 0930 on Thursday 18 January 2018, Council Chamber, Town Hall, Huddersfield.

RESOLVED - That the next meeting of the Panel will take place from 0930-1230 on Thursday 18 January 2018, in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Huddersfield.

KIRKLEES COUNCIL			
COUNCIL/CABINET/COMMITTEE MEETINGS ETC			
DECLARATION OF INTERESTS			
Standards Committee			
Name of Councillor			
Item in which you have an interest	Type of interest (eg a disclosable pecuniary interest or an "Other Interest")	Does the nature of the interest require you to withdraw from the meeting while the item in which you have an interest is under consideration? [Y/N]	Brief description of your interest

Signed: Dated:

NOTES

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- under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and
- which has not been fully discharged.

Any beneficial interest in land which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, have and which is within the area of your council or authority.

Any licence (alone or jointly with others) which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, holds to occupy land in the area of your council or authority for a month or longer.

Any tenancy where (to your knowledge) - the landlord is your council or authority; and the tenant is a body in which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, has a beneficial interest.

Any beneficial interest which you, or your spouse or your civil partner has in securities of a body where -

- (a) that body (to your knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of your council or authority; and
- (b) either -

the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body; or

if the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, has a beneficial interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.

Economy and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Panel – Proposed items and work programme for 2017/18

Working document – Based on discussion at first panel (4 Oct) but will be updated at regular intervals to acknowledge changes

Issue	The specific issues to address – The focus and purpose etc	Outcomes – What do we want to achieve	When are we going to consider the issue	Who do we need to invite and involve	How are we going to tackle it i.e. the methodology
	<p><u>First meeting – 4 October 2017</u></p> <p>Discussion and agreement on priorities and topics for the work of the Panel in 2017/18 namely:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Housing - Transport - Towns and communities 				
Priority 1 – Housing	<p><u>Second meeting – 7 November 2017</u></p> <p>(1). General update (State of nation) (2). Kirklees– Policy and strategy</p>	Preliminary discussion of the key issues	7 November 2017	Paul Kemp Simon Taylor Helen Geldart	Presentation and discussion to highlight specific issues for consideration and review in subsequent meetings
Housing	<p><u>Third meeting – 14 December 2017</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Demand and availability of supported housing (extra care housing) - Plans for the review of the housing allocations policy by 31 Mar 2018 (Including age designation and the letting of properties) - Opportunities to improve upon the current figures for the actual delivery of any new affordable homes for purchase or rental having regard to the total number of planning permissions granted in the period from 2007 to 2016. 	Preliminary discussion of the key issues	14 December 2017	David Hamilton Paul Kemp Simon Taylor Helen Geldart	Presentation and discussion to highlight specific issues for consideration and review in subsequent meetings

<p>Priority 2 – Transport</p>	<p>Fourth meeting – 18 Jan 2018</p> <p>Kirklees - Priorities in terms of local and regional developments</p> <p>Kirklees – The council and our position and influence in terms of the structures and work in the region and sub region to oversee the development of transport links</p> <p>The impact on the development of our towns and villages centres</p> <p>Improving access and travel to/from Kirklees</p> <p>Improving disabled access to public transport</p> <p>Developing better services and higher passenger numbers from our smaller stations</p> <p>Growing demand for the rail links:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hudds to Sheffield - Hudds to Leeds - Hudds to Manchester <p>Maintaining and improving local bus services</p> <p>Opportunities to develop local park and ride schemes</p>	<p>18 Jan 2018</p> <p>Development of local railways – Key issues and implications for Kirklees Council</p> <p>Preliminary discussion of the key issues</p> <p>15 Feb 2018</p> <p>Development of local road networks – Key issues and implications for Kirklees Council</p> <p>Preliminary discussion of the key issues</p>	<p>18 Jan 2018</p> <p>15 Feb 2018</p>		
<p>Priority 3 – Towns and communities</p> <p>Page 8</p>	<p>Plans for Dewsbury and Huddersfield</p> <p>The challenge and future for other town centres and villages “Fit for the future?”</p> <p>What can they/we do to help shape this?</p>				

<p>Waste management strategy</p>	<p>Briefing and update before April 2018 (<i>Report due at Cabinet in Feb 2018</i>)</p> <p>Our current policies and working practices – Public perceptions</p> <p>Recycling rates</p> <p>New government expectations and targets</p> <p>Problems with access to our recycling sites in Kirklees.</p> <p>Access to sites in our neighbouring authorities – New agreement required?</p> <p>Fly tipping in Kirklees – The costs and facts and our response (<i>Kirklees and our neighbouring authorities</i>)</p> <p>Leeds Road - The opportunities to revisit the potential development of the heat and power scheme</p> <p>Work on new contract and strategy</p>				
<p>Development of the new skills strategy for Kirklees</p>	<p>Progress with the new strategy - What are we trying to change and influence etc (<i>Report due at Cabinet in Mar 2018</i>)</p>				

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