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Wednesday 7 February 2018

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 **10.00 am** on **Thursday 15 February 2018**.

This meeting will be webcast live and will be available to view via the Council's website.

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".

Julie Muscroft

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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

	Pages
1: Minutes of the Previous Meeting	1 - 4
<p>To approve the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 18 January 2018.</p> <hr/>	
2: Membership of the Committee	
<p>This is where Councillors who are attending as substitutes will say for whom they are attending.</p> <hr/>	
3: Interests	5 - 6
<p>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.</p> <hr/>	
4: Admission of the Public	
<p>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.</p> <hr/>	
5: Transport in Kirklees and West Yorkshire	7 - 26
<p>Members of the Panel to consider a further presentation on the issues facing the development of the transport links in Kirklees and West Yorkshire</p> <p>Please note that the debate at the meeting on the 15th will focus on road links, following a discussion on rail links at the previous meeting on 18 January 2018.</p> <p>Contact: - Paul Kemp, Service Director for Economy, Regeneration and Culture. Tel: 01484 221000</p>	

6: Work programme

27 - 30

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 March 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

Contact Officer: Steve Copley

KIRKLEES COUNCIL

ECONOMY AND NEIGHBOURHOODS SCRUTINY PANEL

Thursday 18th January 2018

Present: Councillor Rob Walker (Chair)
Councillor Martyn Bolt
Councillor Judith Hughes
Councillor Darren O'Donovan

In attendance: Paul Kemp
Naz Parkar, Strategic Director for Economy and Infrastructure

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

1 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the Panel meeting held on 14 December 2017 were presented and approved as a correct record.

2 Membership of the Committee

Apologies for absence were noted on behalf of Councillor Marielle O'Neill, plus Mr Mark Mercer (Co-optee).

3 Interests

Councillors Martyn Bolt and Rob Walker declared non pecuniary interests in item 5 below, on the following basis:-

- Councillor Martyn Bolt – Member of the West Yorkshire Combined Authority (WYCA) Transport Committee.
- Councillor Rob Walker – Chair of the Slaithwaite and Marsden Action for Rail Transport.

4 Admission of the Public

The meeting was held in public session.

5 Transport in Kirklees and West Yorkshire

The Panel welcomed the following officers to the meeting:

- Richard Hadfield, Head of Strategy and Design
- Simon Taylor, Head of Development Management

Richard Hadfield introduced a presentation containing information on the rail issues for Kirklees arising from plans for the:

- Development of the rail franchises (2023/2025)

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- Trans Pennine upgrade scheme, including plans for the electrification of the route (TRU) (2025)
- High speed rail link (HS2) (2033)
- Northern powerhouse rail link (NPR) (2046)
- Other local rail issues e.g. the need for the improvement of local stations, the need for more car parking at stations and the increasing use of the Huddersfield to Sheffield line "*The Penistone line*"
- The agencies that are involved in making the final decisions for these various schemes and ventures to progress – Department for Transport, Network Rail, Highways England and HS2 Ltd.

(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 which followed focused on:

- The growing demand for improved rail links and services to Leeds, Manchester and Sheffield, and the good news that agencies are looking to invest in rail services in Kirklees and across West Yorkshire
- The delays associated with some of the major projects announced to-date
- The growing problems with some of the facilities and services currently available in Kirklees. For example, limited capacity and services and overcrowding on some key routes
- A genuine concern that the focus on improving the links between Manchester and Leeds and the speed of the journey times, could result in a reduction in the number of trains that actually stop at the local stations on each of the routes.
- The need for more information on the demand for and use of the bus and rail links between Dewsbury, Huddersfield and Leeds, and further consideration of the options that will provide passengers with the best service(s) and shortest journey times.
- The long term economic and social impacts on communities if the improved rail services do/do not stop at some of the local stations and towns as they pass through Kirklees
- How to get agencies to consider these issues and the bigger picture, as well as the co-ordination and integration of their new projects and links with other key improvements to local highway and transport services.
- The need to review and invest in the facilities available at a number of the local stations along these routes, and the possibility of creating some new

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“parkway stations” to accommodate the demand from commuters and local people who have to park and ride

- The impact of these deliberations on the development of rail and road links upon the proposals which are contained in the Kirklees Local Plan
- How Kirklees can make its case for change and improvements constructively, working with colleagues from Network Rail and the West Yorkshire Combined Authority

RESOLVED -

- (1) That Richard Hadfield and Simon Taylor be thanked for their attendance at today’s meeting, plus their presentation on “Rail issues for Kirklees”.
- (2) That the Panel follow up on some of the issues raised in today’s discussion at the next meeting on 15 February 2018.
- (3) That a representative of Network Rail be invited to attend the Panel meeting on 15 March 2018, to talk informally about their plans for the development of the new facilities, links and services in the Kirklees area.

6 Work Programme

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

It was also noted that the potential item for the next Panel meeting on 15 February 2018, was likely to be “Transport and road links - The issues and implications for Kirklees”.

Members also reflected briefly on their discussions on housing at the Panel meetings on 7 November and 14 December 2017, and the follow up work still required. This includes:

- The creation of a member reference group to discuss housing issues, including affordable housing, extra care and supported housing schemes and the review of the councils own housing allocations policy.
- A visit for members of the panel to see the extra care housing schemes in North and South Kirklees.

RESOLVED -

- (1) That the work programme be received and updated, and presented to the next meeting of the Panel on 15 February 2018.
- (2) That Cllr Rob Walker and Steve Copley to follow up on the actions from the Panel meetings in November and December 2017.

7 Future Meetings

The Panel were reminded that the next meeting should take place at 0930 on Thursday 15 February 2018, Council Chamber, Town Hall, Huddersfield.

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However, members agreed that the start time for the meeting should be put back to 10.00am.

RESOLVED - That the next meeting of the Panel will take place from 10.00am – 12.30pm on Thursday 15 February 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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If you have any of the following pecuniary interests, they are your disclosable pecuniary interests under the new national rules. Any reference to spouse or civil partner includes any person with whom you are living as husband or wife, or as if they were your civil partner.

Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain, which you, or your spouse or civil partner, undertakes.

Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from your council or authority) made or provided within the relevant period in respect of any expenses incurred by you in carrying out duties as a member, or towards your election expenses.

Any contract which is made between you, or your spouse or your civil partner (or a body in which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, has a beneficial interest) and your council or authority -

- 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.

The Strategic Route Network and the Key Route Network in Kirklees

Presented by

Simon Taylor

Keith Bloomfield

Topics of Discussion

1. Strategic Road Network (SRN) – Major Schemes / Projects

The SRN in England is around 4,300 miles long and is made up of motorways, trunk roads and the most significant 'A' roads. Managed by Highways England.

2. West Yorkshire Key Route Network (KRN) – Kirklees Major Schemes

Key Roads in West Yorkshire based on the number of vehicles that use them. Managed by Local Authorities.

DfT



Road Studies - (In collaboration with TfN)

In 2014 DfT announced that it would undertake 6 major road studies for future schemes, 3 of which cover the North

A. Northern Trans-Pennine

A66 (Penrith to Scotch Corner)

A69 (Carlisle to Newcastle)

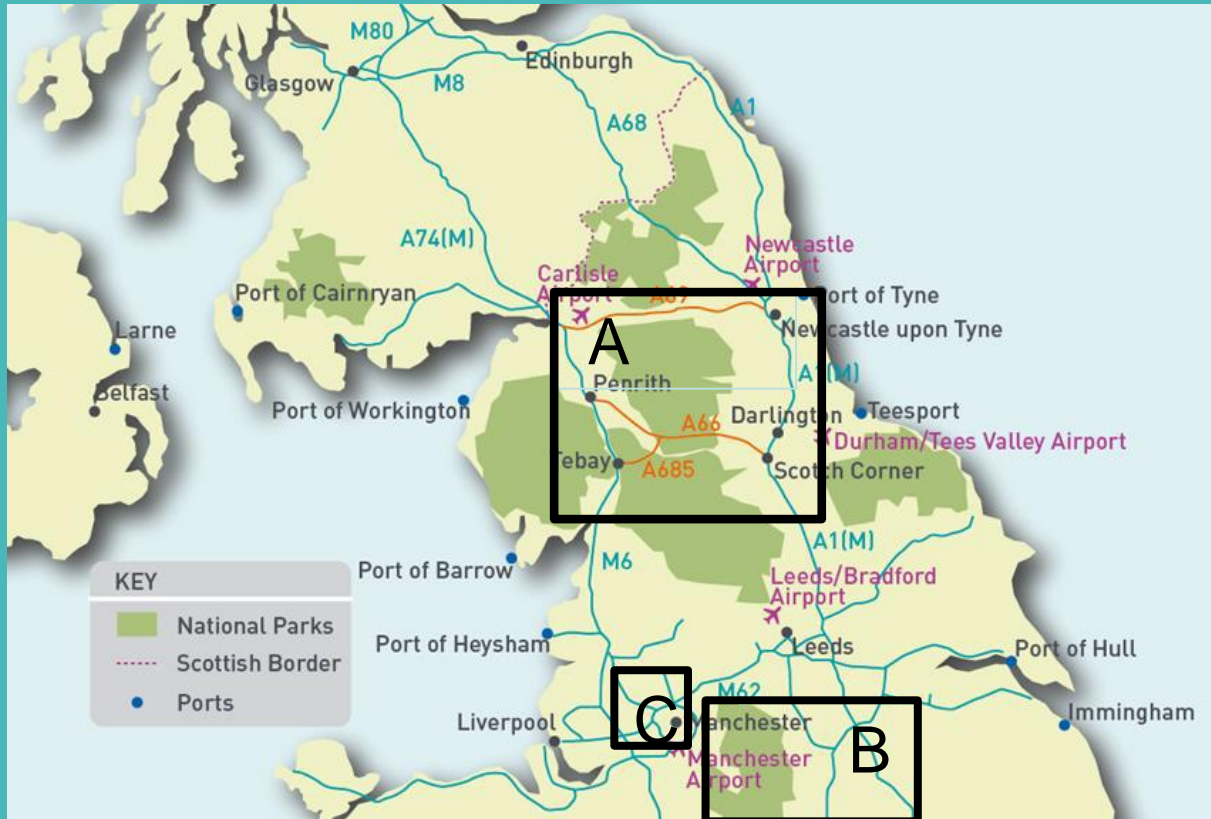
B. Trans-Pennine Tunnel

Manchester to Sheffield

C. Manchester North-West Quadrant (M60)

Junctions 8 to 18

Strategic Location of Road of DfT Studies



A. Northern Trans-Pennine Corridors



A66
Scotch Corner to
Penrith

A69
Carlisle to Newcastle



A. Northern Trans-Pennine (A66 and A69 corridors)

Government Response (Autumn Statement 2016)

“We have committed to dual-ling the A66 from the A1 to the M6, creating the first new dual carriageway across the Pennines since 1971”

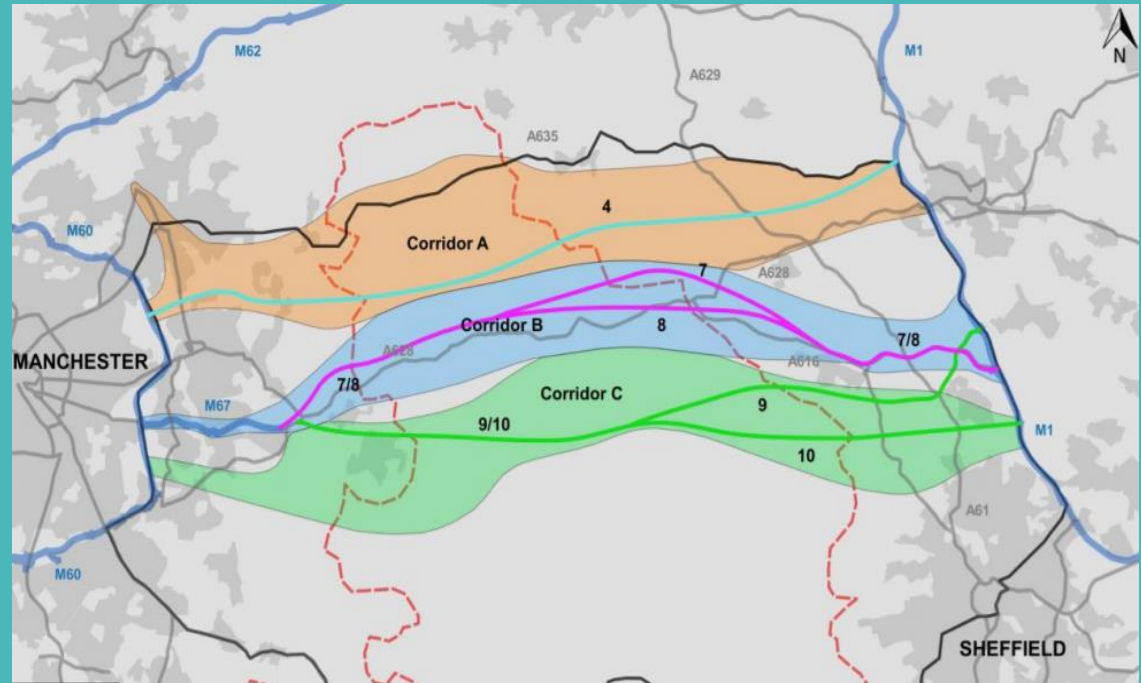
“We are bringing forward junction improvements on the A69, which should be complete by 2020. This will mean that every roundabout on the A69 between Hexham and the A1 at Newcastle will be grade separated, allowing motorists a free-flowing journey”

“Further detailed appraisal work needed on interaction with other routes, such as the M62”

B. Trans-Pennine Tunnel

Criteria

1. Meets project aims.
2. Is within study area
3. Does not involve a surface route in National park.



B. Trans-Pennine Tunnel

Government Response (Autumn Statement 2016)

“The Trans-Pennine Tunnel study requires further analysis of user benefits in order to make a case for change”

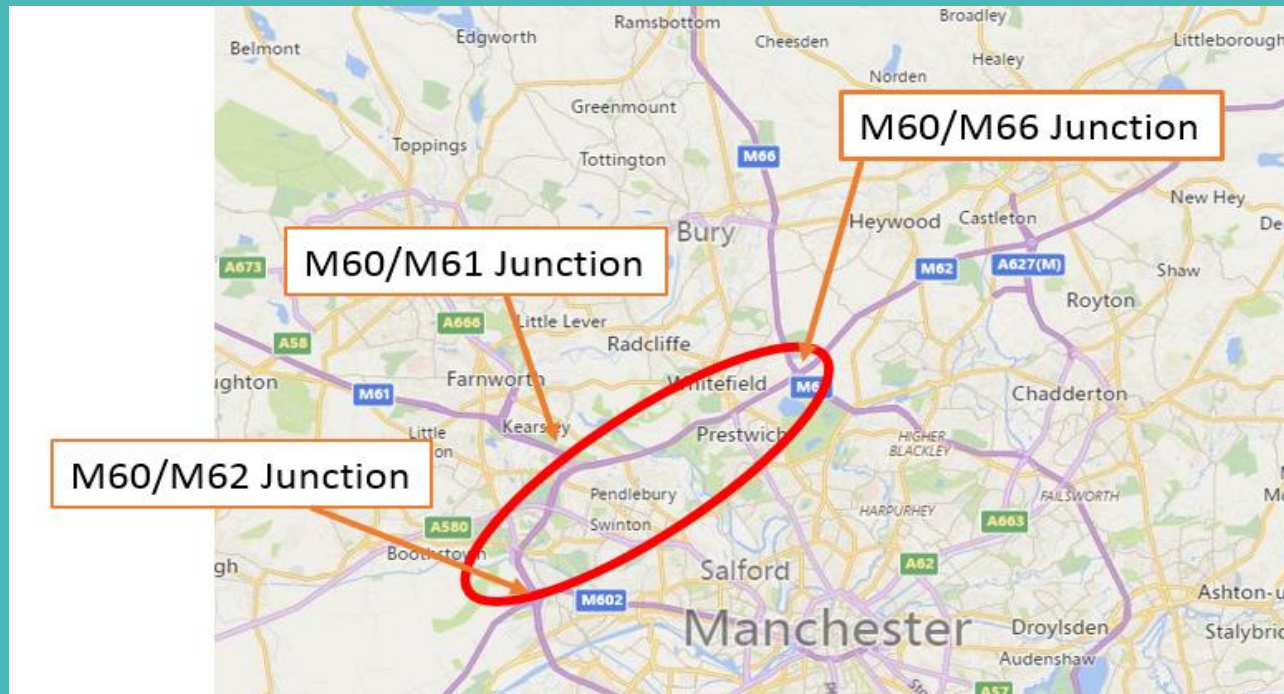
“The tunnel options are too expensive”

The alternative solutions are to improve the existing A57 “Snake Pass” route in places and selective improvements on the A628 “Woodhead Pass” route.

To Note: The average daily of vehicles travelling between South Yorkshire and Greater Manchester is 13,000 whilst 67,000 vehicles make the daily journey between West Yorkshire and Greater Manchester.

C. M60 North West Quadrant Strategic Context

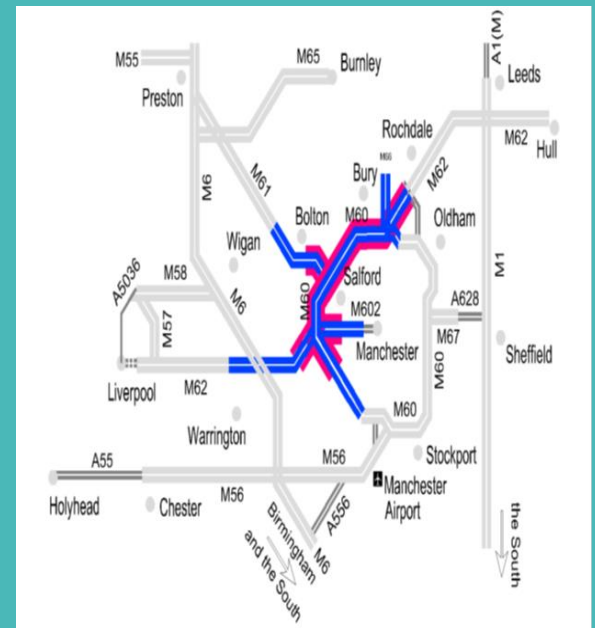
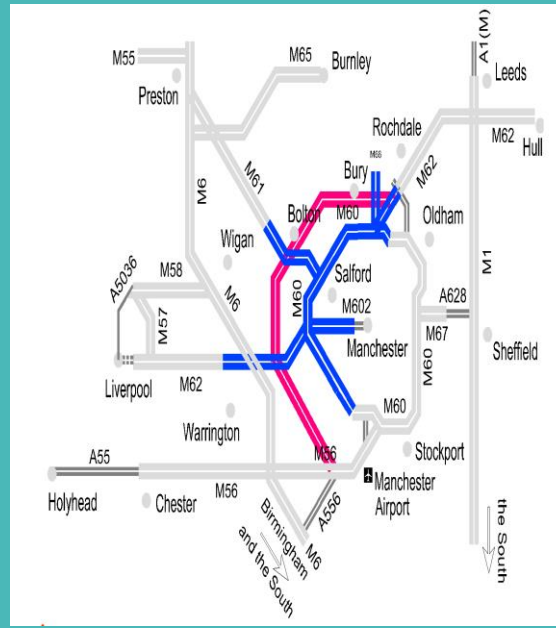
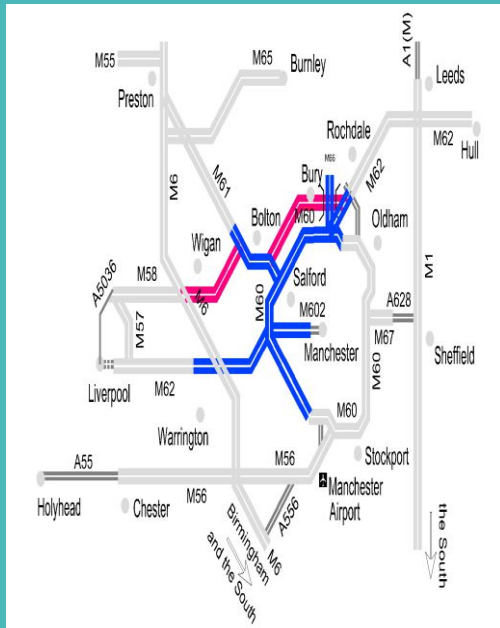
Network has insufficient capacity, poor journey time reliability, with average speeds as low as 15mph resulting in many vehicle hours delay.



C. M60 North West Quadrant Options

Northern Corridor Outer Orbital Corridor

Improvements to existing Corridor



Public Transport Option was dropped.

Transport for the North



Expected to be granted Statutory Status by the Secretary of State by April 2018.

Strategic Transport Plan – 30 year plan outlines how transport connections across the North of England need to be transformed over the short, medium and long term to drive sustainable economic growth by 2050. Out for consultation.

<https://transportforthenorth.com/stp/>

Central Pennines - East-West looking at options for improving road, rail and waterborne capacity.

Yorkshire to Scotland – Options for improving road and rail capacity.

Highways England



M62 / M606 Chain Bar - Delayed

Highways England Response *“The M62 / M606 Chain Bar scheme will be reconsidered part of future road investment planning as it needs further development before it can demonstrate value for money”*

M62 Smart Motorway (Junction 20-25) - Start Date 2019 / 2020

Highways England Say *“We are currently working up smart motorway design options that would meet the aims of this scheme”*

Strategic Route Network



Key Route Network (KRN) in West Yorkshire - Major Projects

DfT roads hierarchy

- Strategic Road Network (SRN) – Motorways / Trunk Roads
- Major Road Network (MRN) – Strategic Local Authority Roads

West Yorkshire roads hierarchy

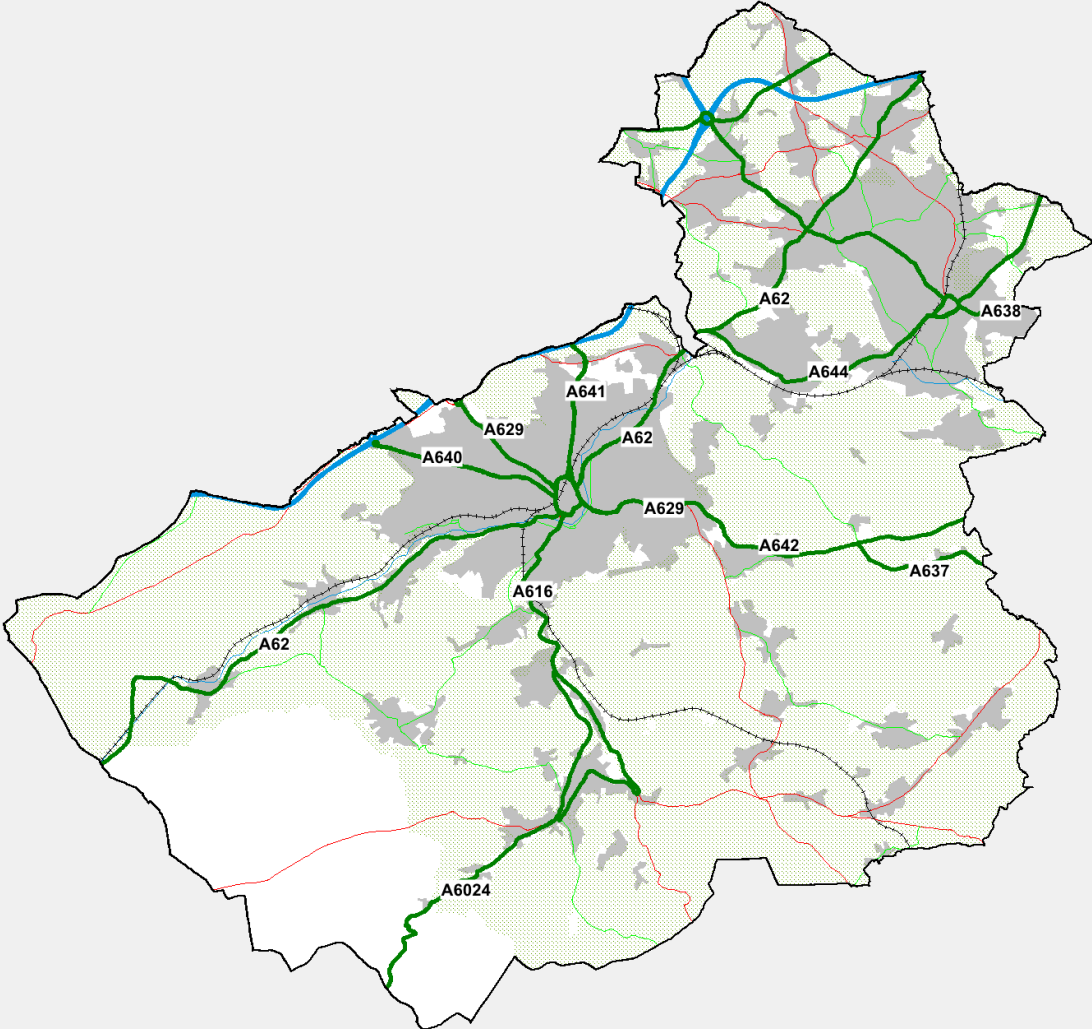
- WY Key Route Network (KRN), local WY roads carrying > 20,000 vehicles / day.

The proposed major road network (MRN) would see a share of the annual National Road Fund, funded by VED, given to local authorities to improve or replace their most important A roads.

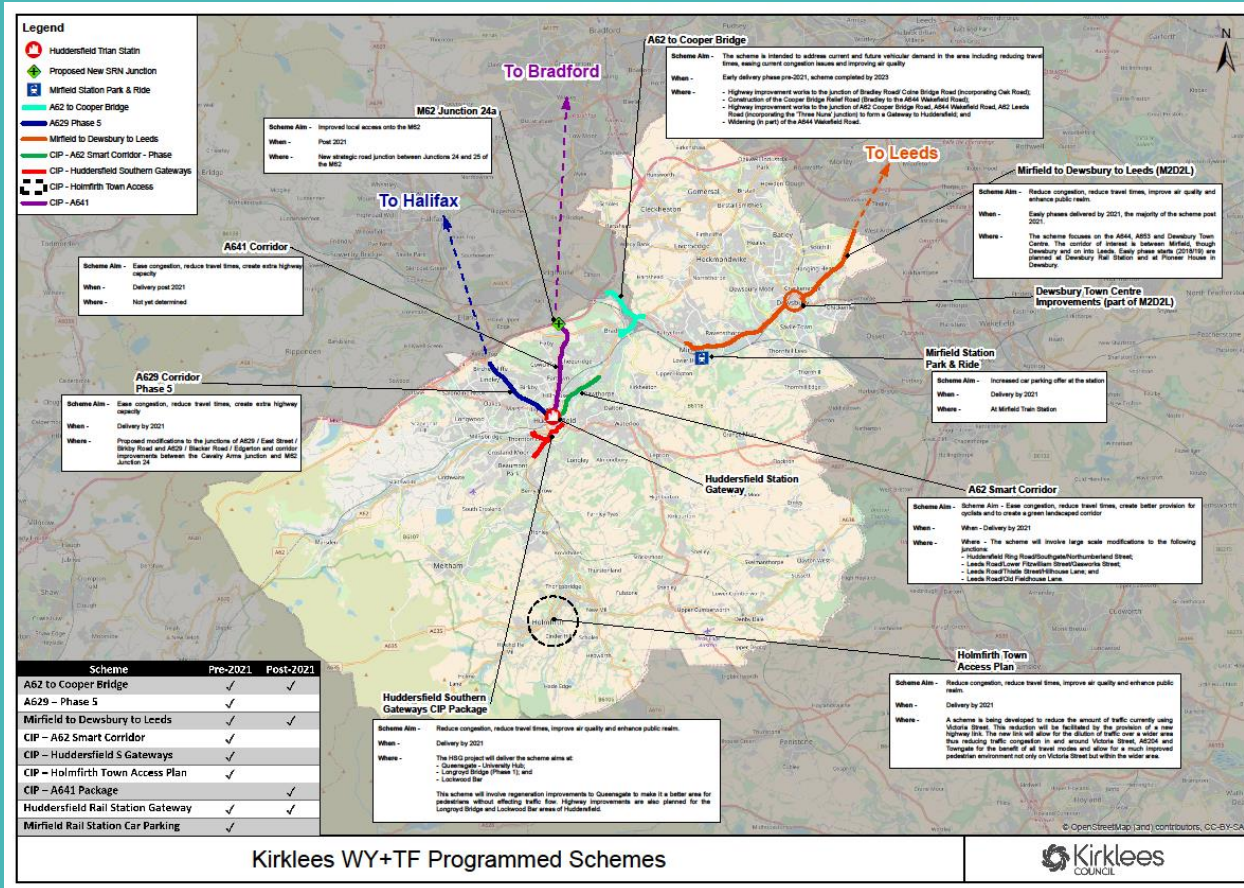
Benefits of the WY KRN

- Greater journey time reliability for road users;
- Coordinating travel information, particularly to better deal with delay and disruption across the wider network;
- Common standards of maintenance, road space usage and traffic signal operation; and
- Facilitating development and economic growth through upgrades and additions to the network, including **WY+TF** Major Schemes

Kirklees Key Route Network



Major Schemes in WY+TF Programme

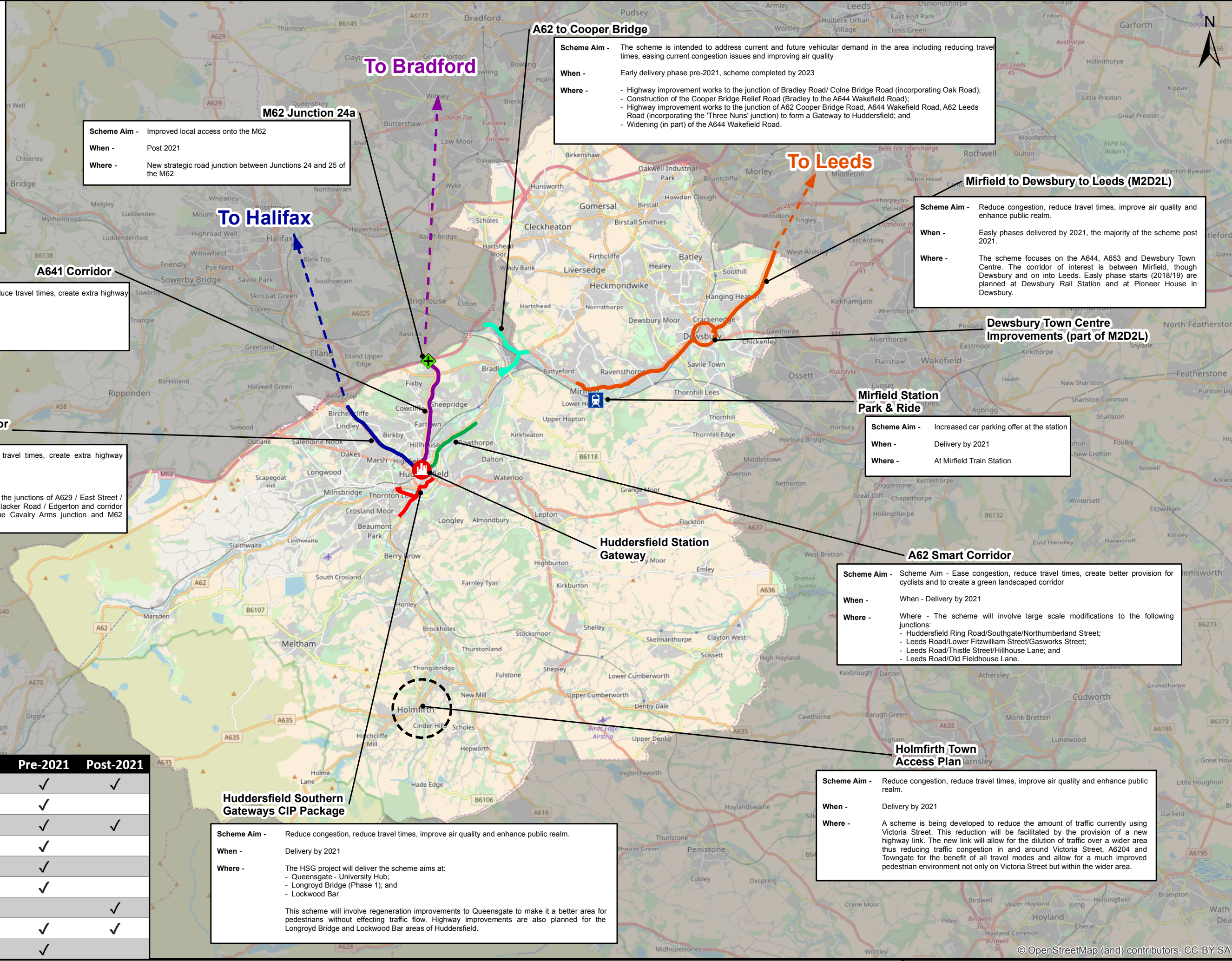


WY KRN and Major Projects



Legend

- Huddersfield Trian Station
- Proposed New SRN Junction
- Mirfield Station Park & Ride
- A62 to Cooper Bridge
- A629 Phase 5
- Mirfield to Dewsbury to Leeds
- CIP - A62 Smart Corridor - Phase
- CIP - Huddersfield Southern Gateways
- CIP - Holmfirth Town Access
- CIP - A641



A62 to Cooper Bridge

Scheme Aim - The scheme is intended to address current and future vehicular demand in the area including reducing travel times, easing current congestion issues and improving air quality

When - Early delivery phase pre-2021, scheme completed by 2023

Where -

- Highway improvement works to the junction of Bradley Road/ Colne Bridge Road (incorporating Oak Road);
- Construction of the Cooper Bridge Relief Road (Bradley to the A644 Wakefield Road);
- Highway improvement works to the junction of A62 Cooper Bridge Road, A644 Wakefield Road, A62 Leeds Road (incorporating the 'Three Nuns' junction) to form a Gateway to Huddersfield; and
- Widening (in part) of the A644 Wakefield Road.

M62 Junction 24a

Scheme Aim - Improved local access onto the M62

When - Post 2021

Where - New strategic road junction between Junctions 24 and 25 of the M62

Mirfield to Dewsbury to Leeds (M2D2L)

Scheme Aim - Reduce congestion, reduce travel times, improve air quality and enhance public realm.

When - Easily phases delivered by 2021, the majority of the scheme post 2021.

Where - The scheme focuses on the A644, A653 and Dewsbury Town Centre. The corridor of interest is between Mirfield, though Dewsbury and on into Leeds. Early phase starts (2018/19) are planned at Dewsbury Rail Station and at Pioneer House in Dewsbury.

Dewsbury Town Centre Improvements (part of M2D2L)

Mirfield Station Park & Ride

Scheme Aim - Increased car parking offer at the station

When - Delivery by 2021

Where - At Mirfield Train Station

A62 Smart Corridor

Scheme Aim - Scheme Aim - Ease congestion, reduce travel times, create better provision for cyclists and to create a green landscaped corridor

When - When - Delivery by 2021

Where - Where - The scheme will involve large scale modifications to the following junctions:

- Huddersfield Ring Road/Southgate/Northumberland Street;
- Leeds Road/Lower Fitzwilliam Street/Gasworks Street;
- Leeds Road/Thistle Street/Hillhouse Lane; and
- Leeds Road/Old Fieldhouse Lane.

Holmfirth Town Access Plan

Scheme Aim - Reduce congestion, reduce travel times, improve air quality and enhance public realm.

When - Delivery by 2021

Where - A scheme is being developed to reduce the amount of traffic currently using Victoria Street. This reduction will be facilitated by the provision of a new highway link. The new link will allow for the dilution of traffic over a wider area thus reducing traffic congestion in and around Victoria Street, A6204 and Towngate for the benefit of all travel modes and allow for a much improved pedestrian environment not only on Victoria Street but within the wider area.

Huddersfield Southern Gateways CIP Package

Scheme Aim - Reduce congestion, reduce travel times, improve air quality and enhance public realm.

When - Delivery by 2021

Where - The HSG project will deliver the scheme aims at:

- Queensgate - University Hub;
- Longroyd Bridge (Phase 1); and
- Lockwood Bar

This scheme will involve regeneration improvements to Queensgate to make it a better area for pedestrians without effecting traffic flow. Highway improvements are also planned for the Longroyd Bridge and Lockwood Bar areas of Huddersfield.

A641 Corridor

Scheme Aim - Ease congestion, reduce travel times, create extra highway capacity

When - Delivery post 2021

Where - Not yet determined

A629 Corridor Phase 5

Scheme Aim - Ease congestion, reduce travel times, create extra highway capacity

When - Delivery by 2021

Where - Proposed modifications to the junctions of A629 / East Street / Birkby Road and A629 / Blacker Road / Edgerton and corridor improvements between the Cavalry Arms junction and M62 Junction 24

Scheme	Pre-2021	Post-2021
A62 to Cooper Bridge	✓	✓
A629 – Phase 5	✓	
Mirfield to Dewsbury to Leeds	✓	✓
CIP – A62 Smart Corridor	✓	
CIP – Huddersfield S Gateways	✓	
CIP – Holmfirth Town Access Plan	✓	
CIP – A641 Package		✓
Huddersfield Rail Station Gateway	✓	✓
Mirfield Rail Station Car Parking	✓	

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

Working document – Based on discussion at first panel (4 Oct) and 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>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 		<p>4 October 2017</p>		
<p>Priority 1 – Housing</p>	<p><u>Second meeting – 7 November 2017</u></p> <p>General update (State of nation) Kirklees– Policy and strategy</p>	<p>Preliminary discussion of the key issues</p>	<p>7 November 2017</p>	<p>Paul Kemp Simon Taylor Helen Geldart</p>	<p>Presentation and discussion</p>
<p>Housing</p>	<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. 	<p>Preliminary discussion of the key issues</p>	<p>14 December 2017</p>	<p>David Hamilton Paul Kemp Simon Taylor Helen Geldart</p>	<p>Presentation and discussion</p>

Priority 2 – Transport

Fourth meeting – 18 January 2018 (Rail)

Priorities in terms of local and regional developments

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

The impact on the development of our towns and villages centres

Improving access and travel to/from Kirklees

Improving disabled access to public transport

Developing better services and higher passenger numbers from our smaller stations

Growing demand for the rail links:-

- Hudds to Sheffield
- Hudds to Leeds
- Hudds to Manchester

Maintaining and improving local bus services

Opportunities to develop local park and ride schemes

Fifth meeting – 15 February 2018 (Road)

18 Jan 2018

Development of local railways – Key issues and implications for Kirklees Council

Follow up meeting with Kieran Dunkin, Network Rail, being planned for 15 Mar 2018

18 Jan 2018

15 Mar 2018?

Richard Hadfield
Paul Kemp
Simon Taylor

Presentation and discussion to highlight specific issues for consideration and review in subsequent meetings

15 Feb 2018

Development of local road networks – Key issues and implications for Kirklees Council

15 Feb 2018

	<p>Sixth meeting – 15 March 2018</p> <p>The Panel and its work programme – Review of progress with the items and work for 2017/18, plus potential items for 2018/19</p> <p>Q3 performance report</p>	15 March 2018			
Priority 3 – Towns and communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plans for Dewsbury and Huddersfield • The challenge and future for other town centres and villages “Fit for the future?” • What can they/we do to help shape this? 				
Waste management strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Briefing and update before April 2018 • Our current policies and working practices – Public perceptions • Recycling rates • New government expectations and targets • Problems with access to our recycling sites in Kirklees. • Access to sites in our neighbouring authorities – New agreement required? • Fly tipping in Kirklees – The costs and facts and our response (<i>Kirklees and our neighbouring authorities</i>) • Leeds Road - The opportunities to revisit the potential development of the heat and power scheme • Work on new contract and strategy 				
The skills strategy for Kirklees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress with the new strategy - What are we trying to change and influence etc 				

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