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Decision Summary

Committee:
SCRUTINY PANEL

Date:

Committee Clerk:

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ECONOMY AND NEIGHBOURHOODS

WEDNESDAY 17 JULY 2019

Sheila Dykes

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Chair

Councillor Harpreet Uppal

Councillors Attended

Councillor Martyn Bolt
Councillor Richard Eastwood
Councillor Yusra Hussain
Councillor Richard Murgatroyd
Councillor John Taylor

Co-optees

Chris Friend and Eilidh Ogden

Attendees

Councillor Naheed Mather – Portfolio Holder for Greener Kirklees
Councillor Peter McBride – Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Regeneration
Councillor Graham Turner - Portfolio Holder for Corporate
Councillor Rob Walker - Portfolio Holder for Culture and Environment
David Bundy – Corporate Policy Officer
Naz Parkar –Service Director for Housing
Jo Scrutton – Principal Planning Officer
Simon Taylor – Head of Development and Master Planning
Sean Westerby – Emergency Planning and Business Continuity Manager

Observers

Vaneeza Ahsan – Kirklees Youth Council
Tahiba Hussain – Huddersfield University
Michelle Ross
Waris Slahuddin – Kirklees Youth Council
Phoebe Munro

Apologies

Andrew Bird (Co-Optee)

1 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 21st March 2019.

That the minutes of the meeting held on 21st March 2019 be approved as a correct record.

2 Interests

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.

No interests were declared.

3 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.

That all agenda items be considered in public session.

4 Deputations/Petitions

The Panel will receive any petitions and hear any deputations from members of the public. A deputation is where up to five people can attend the meeting and make a presentation on some particular issue of concern. A member of the public can also hand in a petition at the meeting but that petition should relate to something on which the body has powers and responsibilities.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 10 (2), Members of the Public should provide at least 24 hours' notice of presenting a deputation.

No deputations or petitions were received.

5 Public Question Time

The Panel will hear any questions from the general public.

No questions were asked.

6 Huddersfield Town Centre Blue Print - Background Data, Vision and Engagement

This report sets out three key elements for discussion:

- a) Background data on Huddersfield town centre
- b) Objectives of the Town Centre Blue Print
- c) Engagement and consultation process to include:
 - background on engagement undertaken to date in development of the master plan
 - details of the engagement process now being undertaken/ timescale
 - the process after the consultation has concluded

Contact: Simon Taylor, Head of Development and Master Planning, Tel: 01484 221000

(1) That the Head of Development and Master Planning be requested to:

- (a) where possible, provide further information to members of the Panel, prior to the next meeting, in respect of:
 - Statistics to allow comparison with northern towns including Batley and Dewsbury.
 - Case studies of town centres that are thriving.
 - Any identifiable reasons for particularly significant reductions in high street footfall.
 - The percentage of vacant properties in the town centre that are in private/Council ownership.
 - Data in respect of people using bus services to access the town centre in terms of which part of the district they are travelling from.
 - Statistics in respect of the percentage of journeys into the town centre that are under 2 miles and how cycling and walking can be made easier/encouraged.
 - Data on the demand and existing capacity within town centre car parks (it being noted that a Dewsbury/Huddersfield Parking Study was currently ongoing).
 - The town centre cycle lockers.
- (b) Include information in future reports to the Panel in relation to:
 - What is proposed to try and make public transport more attractive as an option for people to access the town centre.
 - An assessment of the potential impact on other town centres in the district.
 - An assessment of the environmental impact of the proposals.

(2) That Members inform the Head of Development and Master Planning of any additional groups/organisations that they consider should be engaged in the consultation process.

7 Leaving the EU Preparations

This paper provides a position statement for Scrutiny on the current situation regarding Kirklees' preparations, as the UK makes preparations to leave the EU. The information is provided within the context of the UK being granted an

extension of the Article 50 process meaning the official Leave date is now 31 October 2019. The UK can leave before this date if the withdrawal agreement is ratified by the UK and the EU before then

Contact: David Bundy, Corporate Policy Officer, Strategy and Policy. Tel: 01484 221000

That it be noted that the Corporate Scrutiny Panel will be taking the lead on this matter but that any specific issues affecting the local economy may be submitted for consideration by this Panel in due course.

8 Work Programme 2019/20

The Panel will discuss its Work Programme for 2019/20.

Contact: Sheila Dykes, Principal Governance & Democratic Engagement Officer. Tel: 01484 221000

That the amendments/additions to the Work Programme for 2019/20, as proposed by Members of the Panel, be reported to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee at its meeting on 22nd July 2019.

9 Dates of Meetings 2019/20

The Panel will set meeting dates for the 2019/20 municipal year.

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That meetings of the Panel for the 2019/20 municipal year be agreed as follows:

- Thursday 19th September 2019 at 2.00pm
 - Thursday 10th October 2019 at 2.00pm
 - Thursday 14th November 2019 at 2.00pm
 - Thursday 5th December 2019 at 2.00pm
 - Thursday 16th January 2020 at 2.00pm
 - Thursday 5th March 2020 at 2.00pm
 - Thursday 2nd April 2020 at 2.00pm
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