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Notice of Meeting

Dear Member

Economy and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Panel

The **Economy and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Panel** will meet in a **Virtual Meeting- Online** at **1.00 pm** on **Tuesday 13 July 2021**.

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.

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Julie Muscroft

Service Director – Legal, Governance and Commissioning

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The Economy and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Panel members are:-

Member

Councillor Harpreet Uppal (Chair)

Councillor Gwen Lowe

Councillor Yusra Hussain

Councillor Martyn Bolt

Councillor John Taylor

Councillor Robert Iredale

Chris Friend (Co-Optee)

Andrew Bird (Co-Optee)

Agenda

Reports or Explanatory Notes Attached

Pages

1: Membership of the Committee

To receive apologies for absence from those Members who are unable to attend the meeting. The Chair will verbally report the following changes the Boards membership:

Councillor Robert Iredale has replaced Councillor Richard Eastwood

Co-opted member Eilidh Ogden has resigned.

2: Minutes of the Previous Meeting

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To approve the Minutes of the meeting of the Panel held on 4 March 2021.

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: 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.

6: Public Question Time

The Board will hear any questions from the general public. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, questions should be emailed to executive.governance@kirklees.gov.uk no later than 10am on 12 July 2021.

7: Kirklees Resource and Waste Strategy

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The Panel will consider a report which sets out the draft Kirklees Resource and Waste Strategy prior to full council in September 2021.

Contacts:

Sue Procter, Service Director – Highways & Streetscene
Will Acornley, Head of Operational Services
Natalie Clark, Programme Manager
Lory Hunter, Commercial & Technical Development Manager

8: Dewsbury Town Centre Update

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To provide the Panel with an update on Dewsbury Town Centre projects and their programmes for delivery

Contacts:

Simon Taylor – Head of Town Centre Programmes
Peter Thompson – Project Manager

9: Work Programme 2021/22

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The Panel will consider the draft Work Programme and forthcoming items for 2021/22

Contact:

Jodie Harris, Principal Governance and Democratic Engagement Officer

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Contact Officer: Jodie Harris

KIRKLEES COUNCIL

ECONOMY AND NEIGHBOURHOOD'S SCRUTINY PANEL

Thursday 4th March 2021

Present: Councillor Harpreet Uppal (Chair)
Councillor Martyn Bolt
Councillor John Taylor
Councillor Richard Eastwood
Councillor Yusra Hussain

Co-optees Chris Friend
Andrew Bird

In attendance Councillor Donald Firth
Councillor Peter McBride
Councillor Nigel Patrick
Councillor Cathy Scott

Joanne Bartholomew, Chief Operating Officer, KNH
Helen Geldart, Head of Housing Services
Stephen Cale, Operations Manager (Quality Homes)
Growth and Housing, Housing Services
Richard Hollinson, Head of Major Projects, Economy and
Skills
Keith Bloomfield, Programme Manager, Major Projects,
Economy and Skills
Tim Lawrence, Transport Strategy and Policy Manager
Andrew Higson, Transforming Cities Fund Programme
Lead

Observers: Yolande Myers, Principal Governance and Democratic
Engagement Officer
Sheila Dykes, Principal Governance and Democratic
Engagement Officer

Apologies: Councillor Gwen Lowe and Eilidh Ogden, Co-optee

- 1 Membership of the Committee**
Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Gwen Lowe and Eilidh Ogden.

2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Panel held on the 21st January 2021 were agreed as a correct record.

3 Interests

No interests were declared.

4 Admission of the Public

All items were considered in public session.

5 Deputations/Petitions

No deputations or petitions were received, but several submissions from members of the public were received in respect of agenda Item 8 Major Transport Schemes.

6 Public Question Time

Two questions were submitted by member of the public, Sarah Newton, in respect of the 'A629 Halifax Road Phase 5 Scheme' included under Item 8.

Sarah Newton asked how the alterations at the Blacker Road Junction will contribute to the overall objectives of the Phase 5 scheme? She also raised concerns in respect of damage to the conservation area and it was asked why the Council would risk the loss of mature trees and the architectural heritage at the Blacker Road junction?

The Chair requested that Richard Hollinson, Head of Major Projects, Economy and Skills, responded.

In his response, Richard Hollinson advised that it was the view of officers that the improvements will bring benefits to air quality, congestion, provide noise relief, would leave the area in a better state of repair as well as providing journey time savings along the corridor and wider network improvements.

Regarding the public consultation of 2018, Richard Hollinson informed the panel that most of the objections related to the removal of a right turn between Edgerton Road into Edgerton Grove Road. In response to the objections, the proposal to remove the right turn had been removed in designs to limit the impact on land take from adjacent properties and consequently there was a reduction in harm to the conservation area. He advised that many of the walls and heritage features needed maintaining in this area, and that a benefit of the scheme was that it will leave these features in better condition. The scheme was also to be subject to a full planning application through the Local Planning Authority where such issues would be given full consideration.

The Chair also invited Cllr Peter McBride, who was in attendance as the responsible Cabinet Member for Regeneration, to respond to the questions. He explained how the scheme would improve the area visually as well as making small travel time savings per vehicle travelling on the road, which accumulatively would lead to a significant improvement in terms of carbon admissions.

7 Private Rented Housing Sector (Support as a result of Covid-19)

8 The Panel considered the Private Rented Housing Sector (Support as a result of Covid-19) report which was presented by Helen Geldart, Head of Housing Services.

The report set out the ways in which Councils Housing Solutions Service supported and continued to support, the private rented sector during the Covid-19 pandemic. Helen Geldart summarised the information in the report and highlighted the following key points:

- In response to the Covid-19 pandemic most staff worked from home and services were adapted to be delivered either online or over the phone.
- During the national lockdown in March, all non-essential home visits/inspections in the private rented sector were suspended.
- This was except any emergency visits which were carried out in accordance with safe working guidelines and bespoke Covid-19 risk assessments.
- Throughout the pandemic new and safe ways of working continued to be developed within the Housing Solutions Service and the approach to complaints and queries had been revised in line with national and Corporate guidance.
- There had been a reduction in the number of 'disrepair enquires' and enquires related to tenancy issues received from the proceeding 12-month period.
- The ban on evictions, which was implemented during the pandemic, had been extended to the 31st of March.
- It was predicated that once the ban was lifted that there may be an increase in the number of residents and landlords from the private rented sector who would approach Housing Solutions due to difficulties in paying rent and the risk of repossession.
- Targeted bespoke communications were used to make sure that messages around Covid-19 and keeping safe were being heard, understood and to support residents to access the national Covid-19 vaccination programme.
- Private rented sector turnover had been a lot lower than in the social rented sector, but Housing Solutions expected to receive more enquires as Covid -19 restrictions begin to lift.

The Panel requested to understand the property inspection process during the pandemic, and the subsequent action taken in instances where disrepair was found.

In response Stephen Cale, Operations Manager (Quality Homes), provided the panel with an overview of the process and advised that:

- During the pandemic any home visits were carried out following a risk-based assessment.
- All inspections were carried out in accordance with the Housing Health and Safety Rating System.
- The inspection usually facilitated the action required to rectify any hazards or disrepair identified.

- In cases where the responsible party, usually the landlord, failed to rectify any issues following inspection, a notice would be issued, under the relevant legislation which would stipulate a timescale for the hazard/disrepair to be rectified.
- Failure to rectify hazards within the issued timeframe would result in the issue of a Fixed Penalty Notice or possible prosecution in court.
- Where hazards were not rectified by the responsible party Housing Solutions would commission Property Services to carry out the relevant repairs to keep residents safe.

A question was asked by the Panel in relation to a particular issue within the Newsome Ward, where the Landlord of a privately rented property had passed away, but the property required repair work. The Panel wanted to know what the process was to keep residents safe under such circumstances.

Stephen Cale advised that in such circumstances there is usually an executor or solicitor involved who would be responsible for any repairs. He explained he was aware of the case described by the Panel and offered to inform the Panel of the outcome.

The issue of the Selective Licencing Scheme was raised by the Panel. Helen Geldart explained that there were strict criteria that Local Authority's must meet to qualify application for the scheme. During the discussion, the Panel identified that it would be useful for Kirklees current position to be reviewed against the qualifying criteria for the scheme.

RESOLVED –

- 1- The Panel noted the Private Rented Housing Sector (Support as a result of Covid-19) report.
- 2- The Panel thanked Joanne Bartholomew, Chief Operating Officer, Helen Geldart and Stephen Cale for attending the meeting and for their work during the pandemic.
- 3- It was agreed that the Panel would be informed of the outcome of the situation with the property in Newsome Ward.
- 4- It was agreed that Kirklees current position would be reviewed against the required criteria to qualify application for the Selective Licencing Scheme.

8 Major Transport Schemes – Update

Richard Hollinson, Head of Major Projects, Keith Bloomfield, Programme Manager, Major Projects, Tim Lawrence, Transport Strategy and Policy Manager and Andrew Higson, Transforming Cities Fund Programme Lead were in attendance to present a report in respect of the major transport schemes being developed in Kirklees.

Also in attendance was Councillor Peter McBride, the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration as well as Councillor Nigel Patrick and Councillor Donald Firth who were in attendance to speak under the item in respect of the Holmfirth Town Centre Access Plan on behalf of local shop keepers.

Several representations and submissions were received under the item which the Chair read out on behalf of Kirklees Cycling Campaign, Huddersfield Civic Society, Richard Stow, Sarah Newton, and the Friends of Earth as well summarising the content of a video which was submitted by Hannah Longbottom. All submissions, including a link to the YouTube video, were circulated in full to the Members of the Panel prior to the meeting.

To follow, Richard Hollinson presented the report on the Major Transport Schemes being developed by Kirklees Council which set out an update on the overall aims and objectives of the schemes, the different transportation programmes and their funding sources, the processes to develop the schemes and a position statement on each transportation project. He also welcomed all the comments made in the submissions and addressed the questions and concerns raised throughout the presentation.

Questions and comments were invited from Panel Members. In relation to the Holmfirth Access Plan, the Panel noted that:

- It was important that the location of the Loading Bay did not affect trade to businesses.
- The Panel wanted to know if the position of the Loading Bay had been considered from a health and safety point of view after hearing shop keepers concerns about carrying heavy deliveries across two lanes of traffic.
- The opportunity for businesses to have their say was important, and the Panel wanted to know what had been done in terms of holding consultation on the scheme.

In response, Keith Bloomfield, Programme Manager, Major Projects presented a plan showing the proposed changes to be made by the scheme. He advised that:

- Public consultations had taken place in March 2019 and September 2019 and consultation was held with the business forum in early 2020.
- The current plans, informed by the consultations and the business engagement forum, intended for the Loading Bay to be located on the South side of Victoria Street.
- The plans had been analysed from a health and safety point of view.
- Discussions with ward Councillors about the position of the Loading Bay had taken place recently.
- The information from these discussions, with the Loading Bay report and details of the travel time benefits, as declared in the Outlined Business Case (OBC), would be provided to Panel Members.

In the discussion to follow the Panel raised a range of issues relating to specific schemes as well as discussing matters in relation to the overarching approach to transport schemes, such as the issue of Active Travel, the impacts to the environment, and the importance of public engagement and consultation. The Officers responded as follows:

- Richard Hollinson confirmed that the Assurance Framework required public consultation at each stage of the process which would be delivered through the WYCA's communications and consultations teams.
- He also welcomed the Panels comments regarding Active Travel and advocated the importance of the integration of walking and cycling schemes with Major Transport Schemes.
- In respect of the guidance set out in the Department for Transport's (DfT) LTN1/20 Cycling Infrastructure Design Standard (which provides guidance for Local Authorities on designing high quality, safe cycle infrastructure), Richard advised that all Major Transport Schemes were to be reviewed to see where the schemes included in the report could adhere to the guidance.
- In relation to the Cooper Bridge area, Keith Bloomfield explained that the ancient woodland on Wakefield Road would not be affected by the scheme.
- Keith also advised that there were plans for public consultation on the preferred option for the scheme to take place in May.
- Responding to Panel members questions regarding Victoria street, Keith highlighted that through the Holmfirth Access Plan cycling facilities were to be provided and would be reviewed against the guidance set out in the LTN1/20.
- Tim Lawrence, Transport Strategy and Policy Manager, explained that Ward Councillors along the A641 corridor had been contacted regarding public consultation for the scheme and agreed to provide the details of the briefing note following the meeting.
- In respect of the A629 scheme and what plans were in place to mitigate the felling of mature trees, Richard Hollinson advised that a full tree mitigation plan had been prepared which outlined that around 700 new trees were to be planted, included some semi mature trees, along the A629 corridor.
- In response to questions about Junction 24A, Tim Lawrence advised currently this did not feature in Highways England's current five-year Road Investment Strategy (RIS), however Kirklees continued to raise the issue.
- On the issue of traffic growth and accommodating traffic in the future, Tim explained that all transport schemes were accessed in accordance with the DfT guidance and that calculations were applied at a Kirklees level taking into account key factors such as population size, housing growth and car ownership as stipulated in the guidance.

To follow Panel Members, raised some further key points and questions as below.

- The Panel felt that there needed to be more focus on improving transport links in South Kirklees and the valleys. The issue of the Penistone line and transport links out of Kirklees in all directions was also discussed.
- It was suggested that bus terminuses be located in the outskirts of the district to improve public transport frequency in rural areas.
- The question was raised about where elected members fit into the consultation process. The Panel felt that it was important to make sure Councillors are involved early on in the process and that more needed to be done to improve engagement with Ward Councillors outside of wider public consultation.
- There were concerns about the lack of information about schemes once they were submitted through the Assurance Framework.
- The Panel advocated the approach to integrate walking and cycling schemes with transport schemes.

Richard Hollinson and officers present welcomed the Panel comments and the following actions were agreed.

RESOLVED –

- 1 The Panel noted the report on the Major Transport Schemes being developed by Kirklees Council and thanked Richard Hollinson, Keith Bloomfield, Tim Lawrence and Andrew Higson for the update.
- 2 It was agreed that the report regarding the Loading Bay and information on travel time benefits in relation to the Holmfirth Access Plan would be provided to ward Councillors.
- 3 It was agreed that the briefing note regarding consultation with ward councillors on the A641 scheme be provided to the Panel.
- 4 It was agreed to make improvements to the process of engaging with ward Councillors in respect of transport schemes.
- 5 In relation to improving bus travel, it was agreed that the Panel's suggestions, including the introduction of bus terminuses in rural areas and access to funding be put forward through the West Yorkshire Consultation , and for the outcomes of the discussions to be provided to the Panel.
- 6 It was agreed that more focus on improving and investing in transport infrastructure in South Kirklees and in rural parts of the district should be considered in future strategies.
- 7 It was agreed that improving transport links from Kirklees to North and South Yorkshire would be considered in future strategies.
- 8 It was agreed that ways of sharing information, and the accessibility of information, would be considered in relation to schemes submitted through the Assurance Framework.

9. Work Programme;

The Panel noted the provisional work programme for year 2021/22 and there were no further updates.

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KIRKLEES COUNCIL					
COUNCIL/CABINET/COMMITTEE MEETINGS ETC					
DECLARATION OF INTERESTS					
Economy & Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Panel					
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

Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

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.



Name of meeting: Economy and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Panel

Date: 13th July 2021

Title of report: Kirklees Resource & Waste Strategy

Purpose of report: To share and discuss the Kirklees Resource & Waste Strategy prior to full council in September 2021

Key Decision - Is it likely to result in spending or saving £250k or more, or to have a significant effect on two or more electoral wards?	Yes Significant investment will be required to deliver the proposed changes and is something which will affect every ward.
Key Decision - Is it in the <u>Council's Forward Plan (key decisions and private reports)?</u>	Key Decision – Yes Private Report/Private Appendix – No
The Decision - Is it eligible for call in by Scrutiny?	Yes
Date signed off by <u>Strategic Director</u> & name Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Finance? Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Legal Governance and Commissioning?	30th June 2021 – Colin Parr Strategic Director , Environment and Climate Change N/A N/A
Cabinet member portfolio	Cllr Naheed Mather & Cllr Will Simpson

Electoral wards affected: All

Ward councillors consulted: All

Public or private: Public

Has GDPR been considered? N/A

1. Summary

The Kirklees Resource & Waste Strategy is being proposed for discussion and comment, prior to seeking adoption at full Council in September 2021.

2. Information required to take a decision

Enclosed with this report is a copy of the presentation slides to be used at Scrutiny which highlight the key areas contained within the Kirklees Resource & Waste Strategy (to follow).

3. Implications for the Council

3.1 Working with People

A public consultation exercise was conducted in Autumn 2020 and the Resources & Waste Strategy incorporates the findings of this exercise. We will continue to place citizens at the heart of our decisions and will continue to conduct further public engagement as the initiatives from this strategy are implemented, as well as utilising trials.

3.2 Working with Partners

The strategy encapsulates how we will provide better waste management services for our residents and our businesses and the engagement we will undertake with partners to achieve our ambitions. The current waste disposal contract offers very good value for money but does not deliver all the environmental ambitions, particularly regarding recycling, that we would expect from a modern contract. The co engagement process will include Suez and other waste disposal operators in the market to gain a full understanding of opportunities available to provide the best service possible for Kirklees residents.

3.3 Place Based Working

Our Autumn engagement utilised a Place-based approach using a digital street whereby physical engagement was not possible. The strategy details how we intend to take a bold Place-based approach to deliver our services and also takes into account equality versus equity, where some communities may need additional resources and support. We will work with communities so we can prioritise local needs and Councillors, using the insight they have about the communities they represent, will be central to this activity.

3.4 Climate Change and Air Quality

The strategy plays a key role in tackling climate change and improving air quality and the measures within this strategy will have a reduction upon both. Although the strategy will involve the expansion of our fleet, we will be seeking to ensure this is a green fleet wherever possible and a Strategic Environmental Assessment shows the impact of introducing the strategy provides a positive impact on the environment.

3.5 Improving outcomes for children

The strategy details how we will continue to provide an extensive engagement programme within schools and deliver meaningful educational resources to empower children to make a difference both now and in the future. We will also work with colleges and universities to support entrepreneurship and skills development in relation to waste management / circular economy; encouraging and enabling young people to explore, innovate and set up new sustainable businesses within the district.

3.6 Other (eg Legal/Financial or Human Resources) Consultees and their opinions

As well as the public engagement exercise, the strategy has been presented to all Strategic Leadership Teams across the Council as well as Trade Unions. Feedback from these sessions has been incorporated into the strategy and will be carried forward into implementation of the initiatives contained within.

4. Next steps and timelines

Included within the presentation is a timeline for the strategy adoption and initial delivery milestones. In terms of adoption of the strategy, this is scheduled to be presented to full council on 8th September 2021.

5. Officer recommendations and reasons

Officers recommend that this strategy is agreed and progressed to full council in September 2021.

6. Cabinet Portfolio Holder's recommendations

The Cabinet Portfolio Holders have been consulted with regards to the contents of the strategy and support the officers' recommendations.

7. Contact officer(s)

Natalie Clark, Programme Manager
Lory Hunter, Commercial & Technical Development Manager
Will Acornley, Head of Operational Services
Sue Procter, Service Director – Highways & Street scene

8. Background Papers and History of Decisions

Collection Consistency Framework – 2018-2020
Party Briefings – November-December 2020
Scrutiny Panel – December 2020
Public Engagement – Autumn/Winter 2020/21

9. Service Director responsible

Colin Parr – Environment & Climate Change

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Resources & Waste Strategy 2021

Scrutiny Panel 13/07/2021



Development of the strategy

- Collection Consistency Framework – 2018-2020
- Party Briefings – November-December 2020
- Scrutiny Panel – December 2020
- Public Engagement – October 2020 - January 2021



Public Engagement

Zero Waste Kirklees



240L

Green Mixed Recycling Bin
Emptied alternate weeks like it is now

240L

Grey Household Bin
Emptied alternate weeks like it is now

140L

Glass Recycling Bin
Emptied at the same time as your green bin

FOOD

Waste Caddy
Emptied weekly

The journey of a yoghurt pot



The food waste story

where does food come from?



We're **Kirklees**



Resources & Waste Strategy

Three thematic sections:

- Delivering Modern, Sustainable Services
- Leading by Example
- Supporting Kirklees Families & Ensuring Inclusion



Strategy Sections

Delivering Modern, Sustainable Services

- Engagement and Communication
- Recycling & Waste Collections
- Waste Disposal
- Household Waste & Recycling Centres
- Bulky Waste Collection Service
- Bring Sites
- Landfill Sites
- Our Cleaner Environment
- Commercial Waste Service



Strategy Sections

Kirklees Council - Leading by Example

- Facilities
- Catering
- Venues & Events
- Kirklees Homes and Neighbourhoods
- National Initiatives
- Our People



Strategy Sections

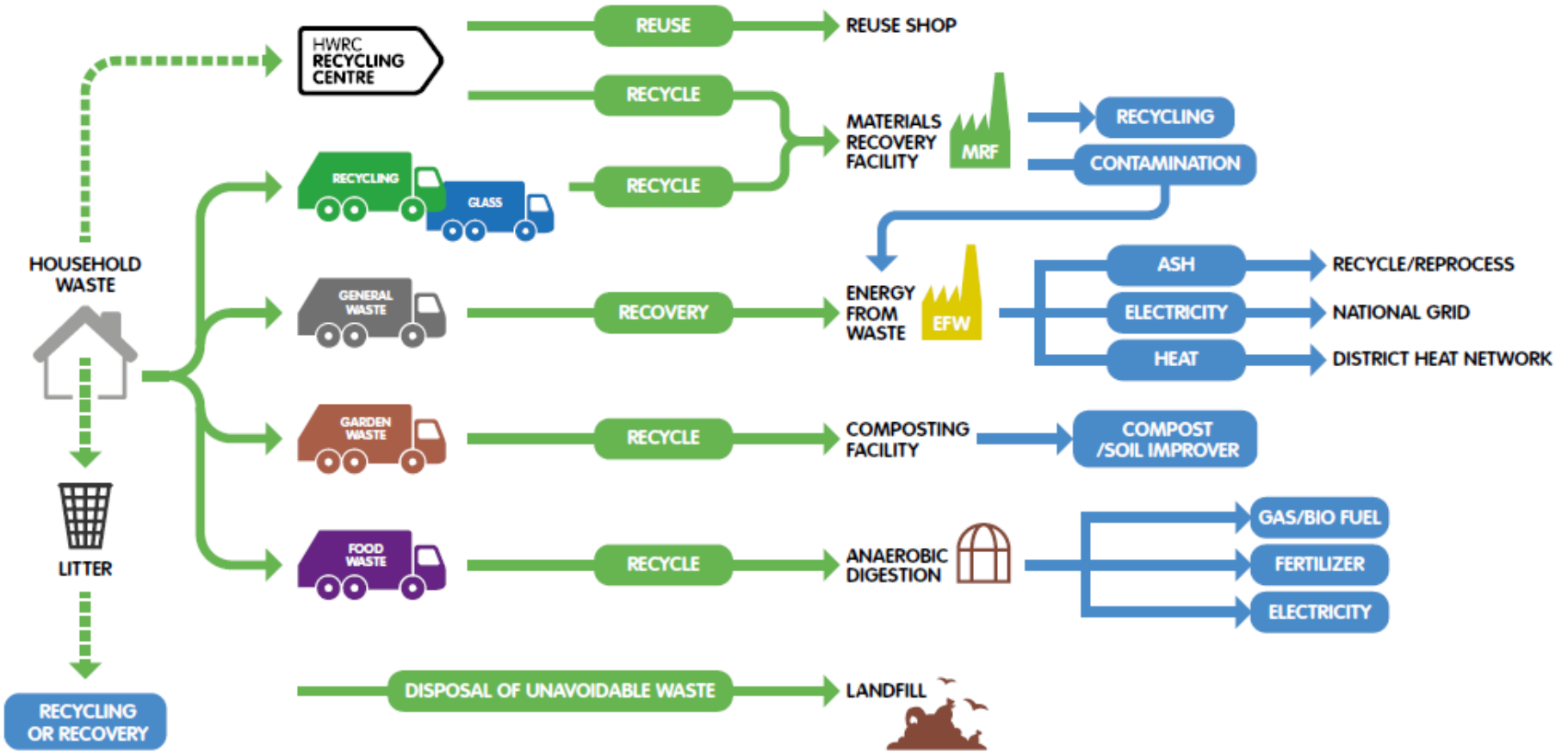
Supporting Kirklees Families & Ensuring Inclusion

- (Links to Engagement & Communication Section)
- Supporting Kirklees Families
- Ensuring Equality
- Environmental Impact

- Ongoing Monitoring



Future Waste Treatment Model



Our 12 Month & 5 Year Pledges

Within the **next 12 months** we will deliver the following...

Food Waste Workshops May 2021	A Recycling Champions scheme September 2021	A new recycling collection to our commercial waste service September 2021	A reuse shop in Huddersfield November 2021	A composting scheme February 2022	Improved litter facilities March 2022	A new bulky waste collection system April 2022	Complete a trial on glass collections at kerbside November 2022
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Within the **next 5 years** we will deliver the following...

More reuse workshops from 2022	A Community Reward Scheme from 2022	More plastics collected at the kerbside from 2022	Re-procurement of our waste disposal contract from 2022	A separate kerbside glass collection 2024	A separate kerbside food waste collection - 2025	Create a Huddersfield town centre heat network 2025
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Flightpath	May	June	July	Sept
Internal Stakeholders	W/C 10th			
Design Phase	W/C 17th			
Revised copy sent to stakeholders	20th			
Team Leader Briefing		7th		
Trade Unions		8th		
R&W Management Group	25th			
SLT (Colin)	25th			
EMT (Sue)	26th			
SLT (Public Health)	26th			
Waste Transformation Board	27th			
SCLT (Adults)	27th			
SLT (Growth & Regeneration)		1st		
SLT (Education)		1st		
Revisions from designers (if required)		4th		
Executive Team		10th		
Portfolio Briefing		28th		
Leadership Management Team			5th	
Leading Members Briefing			5th	
Party Briefings				
Scrutiny			13th	
Cabinet			27th	
Full Council				8th





Name of meeting: Economy and Neighbourhood Scrutiny Panel

Date: 13th July 2021

Title of report: Dewsbury Town Centre Update

Purpose of report: To provide the Panel with an update on Dewsbury Town Centre projects and their programmes for delivery.

Key Decision - Is it likely to result in spending or saving £250k or more, or to have a significant effect on two or more electoral wards?	Not Applicable
Key Decision - Is it in the <u>Council's Forward Plan (key decisions and private reports)?</u>	No Private Report/Private Appendix – No
The Decision - Is it eligible for call in by Scrutiny?	Not Applicable
Date signed off by <u>Strategic Director</u> & name	28th June 2021 - David Shepherd
Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Finance?	N/A
Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Legal Governance and Commissioning?	N/A
Cabinet member portfolio	Cllr Eric Firth

Electoral wards affected: Dewsbury East, Dewsbury West, Dewsbury South

Ward councillors consulted: No

Public or private: Public

Has GDPR been considered? Yes

1. Summary

This report provides the Panel with an update on Dewsbury Town centre projects. Those focused on here in detail are:

- Dewsbury Market
- Dewsbury Arcade
- Dewsbury Town Park
- Fieldhouse and Daisy Hill – Residential opportunities
- Creative Culture Programme
- Dewsbury Revival Grant Scheme
- Dewsbury Bus Station

2. Information required to take a decision

Background and Introduction

2.1 Dewsbury sits at the heart of the North Kirklees Growth Zone (NKGZ), a long-term regeneration programme that will promote transformational change in the town. Part of the NKGZ vision is to develop a town centre that is fully utilised through increased housing and leisure provision with a consolidated retail and commercial core.

2.2 Town centre regeneration within Dewsbury is under pinned by The Dewsbury Blueprint which was launched early in 2020. This can be found at the following link:

<https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/dewsbury-blueprint/pdf/dewsbury-blueprint-brochure.pdf>

2.3 This sets out a vision for the town centre and identifies a series of key interventions to deliver that vision. It is a 10-year plan that seeks to honour the heritage of this beautiful town and build early investments. The aim is to bring more activity into the town centre, make it more attractive and improve accessibility.

2.4 Dewsbury is also one of 101 towns invited to develop proposals for a new generation of multimillion pound Town Deals. One of the requirements of Town Deals is that a Town Board is established. As part of this process the Council has assisted in setting up a town deal board and is the vehicle required to prepare and agree a Town Investment Plan (TIP).

2.5 The Dewsbury TIP was submitted to Government in January 2021 and on the 8th June 2021 it was announced that the TIP and the associated projects had been supported and there was an award of £24.8m to deliver those projects. This can be found at the link below:

<https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/regeneration-and-development/pdf/dewsbury-town-investment-plan-complete.pdf>

The Dewsbury Vision

- 2.6 Dewsbury Blueprint aims to bring more activity into the town centre, make it more attractive and improve accessibility. The Dewsbury TIP builds on this ambition. The nine projects that the Town Deal Board has selected to form the TIP represent a programme designed to deliver our vision.

Family Friendly Town

- 2.7 A common theme in the Dewsbury Blueprint is that Dewsbury will be a family-friendly town where everyone feels safe and welcome. Families will come together to enjoy the open spaces, shops and leisure opportunities during the day and into the evening.

The Relationship Between the Dewsbury Blueprint and Dewsbury TIP

- 2.8 The Blueprint is focused upon the town centre whereas the Dewsbury TIP has a wider geographical remit across the three wards. The TIP is also backed by a significant Government Grant.
- 2.9 There is a strong overlap between the two. Through engagement as part of the Dewsbury TIP. Town Centre matters were a key issue and town centre projects had strong support.
- 2.10 Town centre projects with Dewsbury TIP backing include:
- The Dewsbury Arcade
 - Dewsbury Market
 - Town Centre Public Realm Improvements including a Town Park
 - A creative cultural Programme
 - A Building Revival grant scheme
 - Support to redevelop the Daisy Hill area as a residential area including conversion of Fieldhouse
 - Expanded fibre capability

Important Projects Already Delivered and Underway

- 2.11 Work across Dewsbury Town Centre has been ongoing for a number of years. There are a number of key projects in place that will be important for the future sustainability of the town centre. These are:
- Kirklees College Springfield Centre – Opened in Sept 2020
 - Kirklees College – Pioneer House – Opened in Nov 2021
 - Dewsbury Rail Station Forecourt – Completed in March 2019
 - Dewsbury Town Hall – Victoria Hall and Bar – Opened Late 2019

- 2.12 These projects are significant in terms of importance and investment and some were supported by the grant programmes outlined below.
- 2.13 **Dewsbury Townscape Heritage Initiative (THI).** The foundation of the current grant schemes in Dewsbury stems from the successful £3.7m National Lottery Heritage Fund. The THI was funded in partnership and delivered by the Council (£1.7m) from 2013 – 2020; resulting in 9 transformational projects: including Pioneer House (Kirklees College), The Black Bull and 9 Market Place (Emojies restaurant – due to open 19th July).
- 2.14 **Dewsbury Heritage Action Zone (HAZ).** The THI has set the benchmark in terms of Conservation Area Design, as well as creating vibrancy through bringing empty properties back in to use and stimulating economic and job growth. This has led to the Council successfully securing the £0.55m from Historic England for the Dewsbury HAZ. Again, jointly funded and delivered by the Council and Historic England and will end in 2023. This programme is focused on residential uses with the first schemes due to start on site shortly. The major residential landmark project of Field House opposite the station is being developed as part of the programme.
- 2.15 **Dewsbury Revival Grant Scheme.** In tandem with the HAZ the Council has also launched the £1.25m, Dewsbury Revival grant , following the principles of the THI in terms of good Conservation Area design and focussed on improving shop fronts and encouraging re use of empty upper floor space. To date, two grants have been approved, one delivered, with a further 6 actively in the pipeline, along with a good bank of enquiries. The inclusion of the Revival Scheme within the Town Investment Plan will be able to support this and broaden the range and scale of properties it can support.
- 2.16 **Accelerated Town Fund Package.** The Council was awarded £750,000 from the Town Fund in late 2020 to be spent on an agreed list of projects within Dewsbury and on condition that the grant had to be spent by the end of March 2021. The majority of these were within the town centre, including:
- Public realm improvements across the town centre and to the rear of the Pioneer building.
 - Upgrading 15, Union Street to enable occupation by Brigantia Creative (deliverer of the Creative Science programme);
 - Enhanced IT provision at 4 community training venues; and
 - A contribution to Railway Station improvements to ensure these were not delayed due to lack of funding certainty.

The grant was spent by the end of March 2021.

- 2.17 **Early Wins - Spring Clean/Environmental Improvements.** Over the last two years a series of smaller scale improvements have taken place in the town centre. Public art has been installed, including the Anthony Gormley 'statue', panels along the bus station, free standing panels and art events, with more planned. Footways have been repaired, benches replaced, planting areas upgraded, semi mature trees have been planted at key spots (where utilities

allow) and work has recently started on upgrading the landscaped area to the front of the Library all part of the plan to make the town centre greener. The gazebos and selected street furniture have been painted and there is a rolling programme of street light replacement underway.

Delivery of Core Town Centre Projects

2.18 This report concentrates on the core town centre projects. These are those with the most significant Impact. These projects are:

- Dewsbury Market
- Dewsbury Arcade
- Dewsbury Town Park
- Fieldhouse and Daisy Hill – Residential opportunities
- Creative Culture Programme
- Dewsbury Revival Grant Scheme
- Dewsbury Bus Station

Each core project is summarised below. A summary programme is attached as Appendix 1.

Dewsbury Market

2.19 Dewsbury Market is at the physical and economic heart of the town centre. Its health is critical to the vibrancy of the town centre as a whole. The Market will undergo a ‘root and branch’ change in order to create a model market for the 21st century. The project will involve a complete overhaul of the physical fabric, changes to product offer, introduction of leisure and improvements in operational practices.

Current Status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stage 3 Design • Consultation – ended 30th June 2021
Delivery Responsibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kirklees Council
Key Milestones	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial engagement and consultation has been already been undertaken during the feasibility stage. • BDP were appointed in Q4 2020 as the multi-disciplinary design team. • Cabinet approval for the project agreed on 16 March 2021, including approval of Council funds and the trader decant proposals. • Key stakeholder and public consultation Q2 2021.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q1-Q3 2021 Development & implementation of the decant plan • Q1 2021 RIBA Stage 3 – outline designs produced. • Q4 2021 RIBA Stage 4 – detail designs • Q4 2021 Planning application approval target • Q4 2021 Towns Fund Detailed Approval • Q1 2022 Procurement/Tendering of contractor • Q1 2022 Trader decant undertaken • Q1 2022 Contractor appointed • Q2 2022 Construction commences
Anticipated Delivery Date	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open to public – Summer 2023
Current Funding Arrangement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £8.9 Council Funding • £6.6m Town Deal • Total Project cost £15.5m

The Arcade

- 2.20 The Arcade is central to efforts to revitalise the town centre. In the Blueprint consultation in early 2020, it was found to be the most popular project with the public with 76% of 502 respondents putting the opening of the Arcade as their top priority. Public sector investment is required to deliver the scheme and to realise the mix of retail and business space uses that are currently envisaged. Rents will be low enough for start-up independents to flourish, while providing sufficient service charge to maintain and manage the property into the future.

Current Status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial works to stabilise remove dry rot, address water ingress to the building have been carried out.
Delivery Responsibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kirklees Council
Key Milestones	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building acquired Q1 2020 • Design Team for Market and Arcade appointed Q4 2020 (completed) • Soft strip and stabilisation work by KNH Q4 2020 – Q3 2021 • Management options completed Q2 2021 • Survey and design completion Q2 2021 • Refurbishment Q1 2020 to Q4 2022 • Manager/Business advisor recruited Q4 2022
Anticipated Delivery Date	Open to public – Q2 2023

Current Funding Arrangement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £1.8m Council Funding • £1.3m Town Deal • £0.6m Getting Building Funds • Total Project Funds £3.7m
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Urban Realm - Dewsbury Town Park

- 2.21 The aim of the Urban Realm programme is to deliver a number of projects that will extend and improve the publicly accessible spaces by greening, introduction of public art and creating a brand new park for Dewsbury. The project aims to breathe new life into the town centre by creating spaces that have distinct uses and are family friendly and will in turn support Dewsbury's day and night time economy.
- 2.22 The Town Park will be centred in the town's core area of Longcauseway from Dewsbury ring road, to the junction with Wakefield Old Road/Town Hall Way. Covering 7,400sqm it includes Longcauseway and the council owned Memorial Gardens to the East and potentially the site of the Customer Service Centre. The scheme will create an exemplary piece of new public space, of a scale that will have a significant impact on improving the attractiveness of the town centre. The design of the park will comprise of a combination of soft and hard landscaping and will include infrastructure on a scale that will appeal to a number of end users.
- 2.23 In addition to the Town Park the Urban Realm aims to also deliver small scale projects that in turn will compliment and connect the larger project, tapping into the ethos and opportunities that it will bring around making the town centre more attractive and active. Proposed projects include:
- Dewsbury Sport Centre Public Realm
 - Market Place
 - Kings and Queens Arcades
- 2.24 Aligned to this is a Creative Arts Programme which will see a variety of art work being installed.

Current Status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The consultation for the Dewsbury Town Park was conducted between 19th May 2021 and 12th June 2021.
Delivery Responsibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kirklees Council
Key Milestones	<p>Town Park</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2019/20 - survey of the core site of the Town Park to determine what the options are around the traffic impacts. • Summer 2020 -Stage 2 Feasibility Designs completed

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April 2021 - Stage 2 Access Mitigation Evaluation to be completed. • Consultation - Q2 2021 on Feasibility concepts. • Design and Planning approvals to commence 2021-2022. • Construction to start on site 2023/24 • Completion in 2024/25. <p>Smaller Projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The development of the sports centre frontage is currently on site • Kingsway and Queensway Arcades lighting schemes will be delivered in summer 2021 • Public Art Programme – already commenced and will roll out over the next 3-5 years
Anticipated Delivery Date	Town Park – Early 2025
Current Funding Arrangement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £8.6m Council • £6.25m Town Deal • Total Project Funds £14.9m

Fieldhouse and Daisy Hill

- 2.25 This project is a combination of site acquisition and support for the conversion of the Fieldhouse building into residential use. It will undertake the critical first steps on the road to creating a new neighbourhood the heart of Dewsbury, which will help support town centre vibrancy and make the most of the heritage assets of the town. It comprises two parts as set out below.
- 2.26 The Fieldhouse scheme comprises a high quality conversion of a vacant grade 2 listed building into 23 apartments and a restaurant/bar. Fieldhouse is a 4 storey building and is part of a group of individual listed buildings that face Dewsbury Ring road within the Daisy Hill area. It is within the Dewsbury Town Centre Conservation Area, vacant and occupies a prominent position facing the ring road and the Railway station. The project will set a new standard for quality of residential accommodation in Dewsbury Town Centre and will be aimed to attract occupiers with greater disposable incomes that will help support the town centre economy and will form the first phase of a wider development of the Daisy Hill area for residential use.
- 2.27 Establishing, demand for such a market is a very important component in the renaissance of the wider Daisy Hill Quarter. The Daisy Hill Quarter is a rundown 3.1-acre area in the centre of Dewsbury in multiple ownership but

with potential to exploit excellent road and rail links to the wider region and help revitalise the town centre. The site is earmarked in the Dewsbury "Living Town" Blueprint for residential development and is part of the heritage action zone. The project builds on earlier work to assemble the site. It is anticipated that to assemble the entire site will take around 4 years and it has been estimated that this will cost in the order of £5.8M. The objective is to assemble a coherent development site and development brief to attract market interest from private sector developers to develop a scheme of around 200 units which will act as a catalyst to support the wider regeneration plans for Dewsbury Town Centre.

Current Status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fieldhouse – Planning approvals in place, detailed design underway • Daisy Hill area – Early acquisitions completed - 3 buildings and one area of land.
Delivery Responsibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fieldhouse - Private Sector • Daisy Hill Land Assembly - Kirklees Council
Key Milestones	<p><u>Fieldhouse</u></p> <p>Project completion Q4 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning approvals – Feb 2019 • Completion of Funding Approvals Q1 2022 • Tender for works Q1 2022 • Construction Start Q3 2022 • Opening Q2 2023 <p><u>Daisy Hill Area</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • land assembly on going target completion 2025 – CPO dependant
Anticipated Delivery Date	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fieldhouse – Q2 2023 • Daisy Hill - Ongoing
Current Funding Arrangement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £3.8m Council • £3m Town Deal • £1.5m Heritage Action Zone • £2.7m from private sector developer • Total Project Cost of £11m

Creative Culture Programme

- 2.28 The new arts and cultural centre (Union) will be a creative social enterprise and production hub offering a year-round programme of cultural activities and

events to animate the town and bring communities together. It will provide new cultural infrastructure and enable a creative community to develop and create entertainment and cultural experiences developed and co-produced with Dewsbury's communities. Union will include performance spaces, meeting and exhibition space and studios for music, performance and visual art. Programmed with and by local artists and communities, inspired by and celebrating the many voices, cultures and communities of Dewsbury, it will host poetry slams, exhibitions, film screenings, family friendly theatre, creative activities for children and training for young adults.

- 2.29 The broader cultural programme will see a series of activity that come together in major public events. This will enable the community and existing creative infrastructure of Dewsbury, who are already active in textiles and music, but lack the investment, support, and co-ordination to develop shared future. Dewsbury will take a central role within major initiatives of WOVEN in Kirklees, Year of Music 2023, Temporary Contemporary and The Festival of Conversations. This will result in a minimum of one large public event in 2022, 2023, and 2024. The events will come from Dewsbury's people and communities via an engagement programme working with communities, schools, training, and skills development in an open co-developed way. As moments shining a light on Dewsbury, they are underpinned by a sustained approach for the future, leading to skills development, pride in place, and jobs.
- 2.30 The joint approach will develop the creative/cultural sector, promote training and skills development. It will offer opportunities for community involvement and engagement and for associated health, wellbeing and cohesion outcomes. This will help to tackle inequalities through opportunities to develop skills, signpost to careers, CPD and education, and will celebrate the local history, identity and support a vision for the future.

Current Status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Union Arts Centre – Feasibility Stage • Cultural Programme – Programming advanced
Delivery Responsibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Union – Brigantia Creative • Cultural Programme – Council in collaboration with partners
Key Milestones	<p>Union Arts Centre</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phase 1 - Creative Hub created using Accelerated Town Fund, • Internal accessible fit out works – Q1 2021 • Appointment of Project Management Q3 2021 • Feasibility/Business Case Development Q3 2021/22

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scoping and design of Phase 2 renovation and build Q3 2022 – Q3 2023 • Acquisition of adjoining flats – 2022/23 • Start Q4 2023, completion Q3 2024 • Woven development activity and preparation for delivery in 2022/23 – all quarters • Woven Major Cultural programme delivered Q1 June 2023 • Year of Music - delivery plan 2021/22, year round programme of activity Q1,2 & 3 2022/24 with evaluation in Q4 • Business model development for Festival of Conversations 2021/22 - Q3&4 leading to sustainable delivery method in Q3 2023 • Temporary Contemporary project development 2012/23, leading to full programme rollout 2023/24 – all quarters
Anticipated Delivery Date	<p>Union Arts Centre – 2024</p> <p>Cultural Programme events to take place in 2022, 2023 and 2024</p>
Current Funding Arrangement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £195k Council • £2.195m Town Deal • £710k Arts Council • £300k Trust and Foundation • Total project cost £3.4m

Dewsbury Building Revival

- 2.31 The Building Revival scheme is aimed at providing support for the conversion of buildings to office / workspace & residential where appropriate and improving shop fronts to a Conservation Area Standard. The project objective to grow momentum through the Dewsbury Townscape Heritage Initiative, in improving shopfronts in line with Conversation Area principles, thus raising the profile and quality of the area. The scheme involves providing grant assistance to owners in providing quality accommodation, prompting property owners to think differently about conversions, through using spaces more creatively - creative live/workspaces, rather than just plain box conversions.

Current Status	To date: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • two grants have been approved, • one delivered, • a further 6 actively in the pipeline.
Delivery Responsibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kirklees Council and Private Sector
Key Milestones	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Council announced the scheme in September 2019 • Grants will be delivered through to Q1 2026
Anticipated Delivery Date	Grants End Q1 2026
Current Funding Arrangement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £1.25m Council • £2m Town Deal • Total Project Cost £3.25m

Dewsbury Bus Station

2.32 The Dewsbury Blueprint sets out proposals for a new bus station in Dewsbury. This is part of the package of works funded by the Transforming Cities Fund and will be a complementary transport interchange within the town.

Current Status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparing for Consultation – Start July 2021
Delivery Responsibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WYCA
Key Milestones	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early consultation – Q2 2021 • Outline to Full Business Case process – Q4 2021 to Q4 2022 • Award SDP3 contract – Q4 2021 • Submit planning application – Q1 2022 • Award construction contract - Q1 2022 • Enabling works – Q3 2022 • Construction starts – Q1 2023
Anticipated Delivery Date	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening Q1 2024
Current Funding Arrangement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transforming Cities Fund – circa £8m

Supporting Programmes

- 2.33 **Construction Skills Village** - providing leading-edge training and skills opportunity in the construction and built environment sectors. Intended to cover the skills shortage in the construction industry and an extension of Kirklees College. A multi-purpose skills and education centre for the construction and built environment sectors, located at the heart of one of Kirklees's largest housing sites, Dewsbury Riverside. Developed in partnership with Kirklees College and industry partners and operating on a hub and spoke basis with the Pioneer Higher Skills Centre, the project will provide an exciting new facility to engage young people and raise awareness of careers in the industry a safe/secure environment, within a major housing site, to deliver a wide range of construction training to young people, unemployed adults and other target groups a leading-edge training facility specialising in modern methods of construction and low carbon energy alongside specialist heritage construction skills and, delivering a wide range of industry-focused short-courses.
- 2.34 **Fibre capability** – ensuring Dewsbury's strong transport connections are matched by strong digital connections. This investment allows the installation of ducting for full fibre cables in the town centre where there are insufficient retail customers for fibre to cover the full installation cost. This project is to facilitate the installation of a fibre network into key buildings in Dewsbury town centre. The project will provide a new primary duct network that links all key TIP projects in the town centre; along with key council buildings.
- 2.35 **Sustainable transport modes** – enabling people to travel healthily and sustainably by bike or on foot by improving cycle and pedestrian routes in the town. A transformational programme of walking and cycling infrastructure improvements within Dewsbury delivering a high-quality network connecting key transport nodes. The proposed new footway/cycleway facilities would offer greater pedestrian and cycling connectivity in the North-east of Dewsbury Town Centre and better access to Town Centre and college sites. The main elements are:
- Better Connected Stations Dewsbury Station - Dewsbury - £568,210
 - Dewsbury Station Access- Calder Valley Greenway Link - £300,000
 - Dewsbury Town Centre Walking & Cycling Transformations £10.25m TCF + £1.25m prospective Town Fund

These projects were reported to the Economy and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny meeting on 4th March 2021.

3. Implications for the Council

3.1 Working with People

As part of the Dewsbury Blueprint the Council held town centre consultations and workshops in the town centre during the early part of 2020. This included a town centre presence via a blueprint shop. This work has fed into the preparation of the Dewsbury TIP. During November 2020 specific engagement across Dewsbury was undertaken as

part of the TIP preparation. This work was carried out by a consultancy on behalf of Dewsbury Town Deal Board to align with Government guidance on the preparation of TIP's. This work was constrained by the latest co-vid restrictions, but it did include a mix of online and focus group communication.

3.2 Working with Partners

The bespoke TIP engagement exercise set out to be as inclusive as possible and reach out to a wide range of audiences. Dewsbury Town Deal Board includes a wide of stakeholders from across the Dewsbury area including community, education, business, and development sectors as well as the Council and the local Member of Parliament. Individual projects will engage partners as required to ensure that delivery is aligned with community expectations.

3.3 Place Based Working

Developing the Blueprint and the Dewsbury TIP and the projects within them is part of a place-based approach to regeneration. The TIP board, which includes local representation, has based the TIP on an established evidence and has sought to engage widely to ensure that the vision and projects are part of the overall solution of improving Dewsbury as a whole. The vision and projects have endorsement from the community and are one strand of the overall package of regeneration and place-based solution.

3.4 Climate Change and Air Quality

The Council has declared a Climate Emergency and has adopted a 'net zero' carbon emissions target for 2038. All projects delivered through the Blueprint and Dewsbury TIP will be assessed on a case by case basis to ensure that the right principles are applied to ensure they achieve or come as close to this objective as possible.

3.5 Improving outcomes for children

The regeneration of Dewsbury, in particular the town centre, has always had a family friendly emphasis. The stakeholder engagement has reconfirmed this. The projects reflect the need encouraging families back into the town. Projects such as the Town Park, the Market and the Union Arts Centre will underpin this as an objective.

3.6 Other (Legal, Financial or Human Resources)

The bringing forward of core projects in the Blueprint and Dewsbury TIP involves considerable financial, legal and human resources to achieve. The service is reliant on a skilled core group of council staff working alongside numerous other council service areas, bringing in other specialist skills where appropriate.

4. Next steps and timelines

Officers will continue to progress the schemes working in partnership with all the named partners and the Dewsbury Town Deal Board. Timelines for each project are set out in Appendix 1.

5. Officer recommendations and reasons

Officers recommend that this update is noted and that work continues to develop these

projects.

6. Cabinet Portfolio Holder's recommendations

The Cabinet Portfolio Holder has been consulted with regard to the contents of this report and supports the officer recommendation.

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8. Background Papers and History of Decisions

Cabinet

- Dewsbury Market – 16th March 2021
- Dewsbury Town Investment Plan – 19th January 2021
- Dewsbury Town Fund and Get Building Fund - 18th November 2020
- Dewsbury and Huddersfield Town Centre Finance – 22nd September 2020
- Dewsbury Arcade – 25th February 2020
- Dewsbury Better Spaces Strategy – 3rd December 2019
- Dewsbury Revival Grant Scheme – 10th September 2019
- Dewsbury Townscape Heritage Initiative (THI) grant towards improving 9 Market Place, Dewsbury – 22nd January 2019
- Dewsbury Town Centre; Strategic Development Framework & Delivery Programme – 22nd January 2019

Economy and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Panel

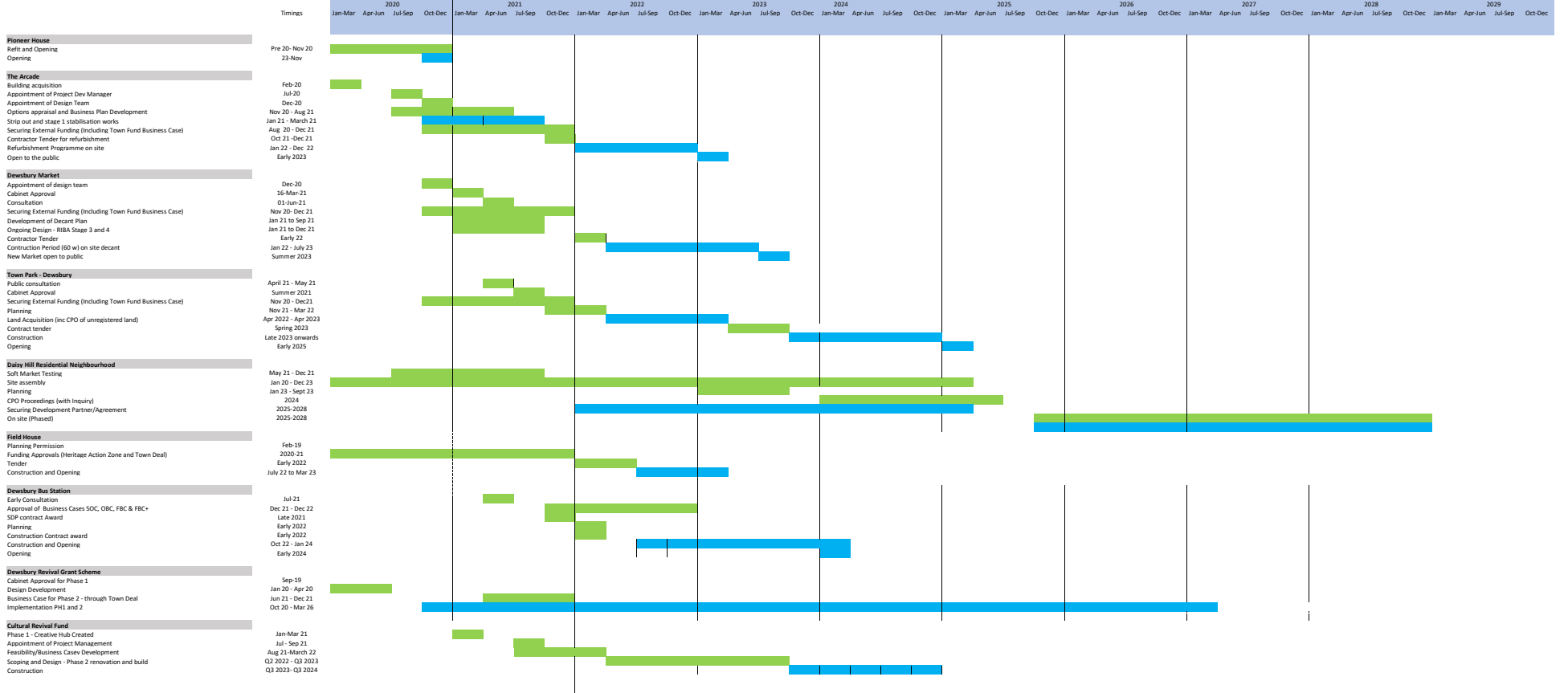
Major Transport Projects – Update – 4th March 2021

9. Strategic Director responsible

David Shepherd – Strategic Director Growth and Regeneration

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APPENDIX 1 DEWSBURY BLUEPRINT INDICATIVE MASTER PROGRAMME



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ECONOMY & NEIGHBOURHOODS SCRUTINY PANEL

Agenda Plan 2021/22

	Items	Officer Contact	Notes
<p>Tuesday 13th July 2021</p> <p>Agenda Publication: Monday 5th July</p> <p>Report Deadline: Wednesday 30th June</p>	<p>Kirklees Resource and Waste Strategy</p> <p>Dewsbury Town Centre Update</p> <p>Work Programme</p>	<p>Sue Proctor/Will Acornley /Lory Hunter/Natalie Stone</p> <p>Simon Taylor/ Peter Thompson,</p>	<p>The Panel will consider a report which sets out the draft Kirklees Resource and Waste Strategy prior to full council in September 2021.</p> <p>To provide the Panel with an update on Dewsbury Town Centre projects and their programmes for delivery</p> <p>Actions/agreed next steps:</p>
<p>Tuesday 24th August 2021</p> <p>Agenda Publication: Monday 16th August</p> <p>Report Deadline: Wednesday 11th August</p>	<p>Cooper Bridge Update</p> <p>Cultural Heart (TBC)</p> <p>Work Programme</p>	<p>Richard Hollinson</p> <p>Simon Taylor</p>	<p>Next Update to Cabinet meeting in September</p> <p>Actions/agreed next steps:</p>
<p>Tuesday 19th October 2021</p> <p>Agenda Publication: Monday 11th October</p>	<p>Review of Winter maintenance services including the link to planning (TBC)</p>	<p>Sue Proctor</p>	

<p>Report Deadline: Wednesday 6th October</p>	<p>Overview of SPD's (TBC)</p> <p>Work Programme</p>	<p>Mathias Franklin</p>	<p>19th October suggested for scrutiny. To include hot food takeaway and climate change SPD's (Tbc)</p> <p>Actions/agreed next steps:</p>
<p>Tuesday 30th November 2021</p> <p>Agenda Publication: Monday 22nd November</p> <p>Report Deadline: Wednesday 17 November</p>	<p>Place Partnership Leads – Active Travel Update (TBC)</p>	<p>Vina Randhawa</p>	<p>19th October suggested for scrutiny as well as option for an update early next year, if requested by Panel.</p> <p>Actions/agreed next steps:</p>
<p>Thursday 6th January 2022</p> <p>Agenda Publication: Wednesday 29th December</p> <p>Report Deadline: Monday 27th December</p>	<p>Smaller Towns Programme (TBC)</p> <p>Kirklees Housing and Neighbourhoods update including estate management (TBC)</p>	<p>Simon Taylor</p> <p>Naz Parker</p>	<p>Progress in relation to Batley, Heckmondwike, Cleckheaton and Holmfirth and engagement re other towns</p> <p>Actions/agreed next steps:</p>
<p>Thursday 3rd March 2022</p> <p>Agenda Publication: Wednesday 23rd February</p>	<p>Play areas (TBC)</p> <p>Huddersfield Blueprint Update (TBC)</p>	<p>Catherine Little/Rob Dalby</p> <p>Simon Taylor</p>	<p>Suggested for March</p> <p>To include Station to Stadium Corridor</p>

Report Deadline: Monday 21 st February			Actions/agreed next steps:
Thursday 7th April 2022 Agenda Publication: Wednesday 30 th March Report Deadline: Monday 28 th February	Place Partnership Leads – Active Travel Update (TBC) Trans Pennine Route Upgrade (TBC)	Vina Randhawa Richard Hollinson/Tim Lawrence	Update suggested for later in the year as suggested to show progress made Suggested for early next year possibility to invite a representative from network rail. Actions/agreed next steps:

Items for consideration

Scheduled

- Waste Strategy (July)
- Dewsbury Town Centre Update (July)
- Cooper Bridge (August)

Items listed as TBC to be scheduled if agreed by the Panel:

- Cultural Heart (August)
- Review of Winter maintenance services including the link to planning (October)
- Overview of SPD's (October)
- Overview of SPD's including hot food takeaway (November)
- Smaller Towns Programme (January)
- Kirklees Housing and Neighbourhoods update including estate management (January)
- Play Areas – (March)

- Huddersfield Blueprint Update (including Station to Stadium corridor) (March)
- Place Partnership Leads – Active Travel Update (November and April)

Items not yet scheduled:

- Inward Investment Strategy (postponed due to Covid)
- Travellers accommodation and enforcement
- Air Quality Action Plan
- Digital Update
- Skills: Training and Apprenticeships (Contact: Joanne Bartholomew/Lee-Ann Meitiner)
- Green Space Strategy, Biodiversity
- Highways capital funding programme
- Active Travel Update
- Place Based Working – focus on stability
- Huddersfield Market