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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 **10.00 am** on **Tuesday 8 February 2022**.

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 Panel

To receive apologies for absence from those Members who are unable to attend the meeting.

2: Minutes of the Previous Meeting

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To approve the Minutes of the meeting of the Panel held on 6 January 2022.

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 Monday 7th January 2022.

7: Kirklees Inclusive Economy Strategy Refresh

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The Panel will consider the report Kirklees Economic Strategy Refresh.

Contact:

Jonathan Nunn, Strategy and Policy Officer (Sustainable Economy)

8: Place Partnerships Active Travel Progress Report

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The Panel will consider a progress report on the work of the Place Partnerships to date and the next steps with regards to the Active Travel theme.

Contact:

Vina Randhawa, Democracy Manager
Emily Parry Harries, Head of Public Health

9: Work Programme 2021-22

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The Panel will consider its work programme for 2021/22.

Contact:

Jodie Harris, Principal Governance and Democratic Engagement Officer

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Economy and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Panel

Thursday 6 January 2022 at 1.00pm

Present:

Councillor Harpreet Uppal (Chair)
Councillor Gwen Lowe
Councillor John Taylor
Councillor Robert Iredale
Councillor Martyn Bolt

Co-optees:

Andrew Bird (Co-optee)
Chris Friend (Co-optee)

In Attendance:

Councillor Peter McBride, Cabinet Member for Regeneration
Councillor Eric Firth, Cabinet Member, Town Centres
Simon Taylor, Head of Town Centre Programmes
Joanne Bartholomew, Service Director, Development
Edward Highfield, Service Director of Skills and Regeneration, Growth & Regeneration

Observers:

Councillor Elizabeth Smaje

Apologies:

Councillor Yusra Hussain

1. Membership of the Committee

Apologies were received from Councillor Yusra Hussain.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 30 November 2021 were agreed as a correct record.

3. Interests

No Interests were declared.

4. Admission of the Public

All items were considered in the public session.

5. Deputations/Petitions

No deputation or petitions were received.

6. Public Question Time

No questions were received from the public.

7. Small Centres Update

The Panel received an update on Small Centres Programme from Simon Taylor, Head of Town Centre Programmes, which provided information on:

- Background and recommendation to Cabinet in March 2021
- Progress on engagement through place standard exercise
- Progress on Master/Investment planning
- Anticipated Next Steps

The Panel noted that in March 2021 Cabinet considered a report which proposed investing in town and village centres outside of Huddersfield and Dewsbury. The report was based upon an initial investment of £10m across the district. The initial Cabinet report proposed that 4 key centres – Batley, Cleckheaton, Heckmondwike and Holmfirth be the focus for the initial round of investment, each being allocated £1.5m.

The proposal was matched with clear processes to follow. The key elements were:

- Ward Members at the heart of the programme
- Place Standard exercise to be undertaken
- Investment/Master plan to be prepared for each centre with sign off by Strategic Director and portfolio holder
- Projects to a value of £1.5m were to be agreed.

In addition, the report set out the types of projects that could be funded. This included:

- Supporting retail, employment, community and local centre activity
- Sustainable travel and climate change measures
- Improved community safety
- Culture, art and leisure activities
- Public realm/landscaping, heritage, conservation and better design.

Simon Taylor informed the Panel that part of the process to assemble a programme of investment for each of the identified small centres was to undertake a stage of community engagement. To ensure this was consistent across all four centres the place standards tool had been utilised. The questions used were to help build up a picture across a number of themes which ranged from moving around, play and recreation, feeling safe and social contact.

The Panel was informed that as part of the process of developing projects and delivering the Small Centres Programme, Cabinet required master/investment plans to be developed for each of the four identified small centres and two sets of consultants had been appointed to take the process forward. Once the masterplan was completed it needed to be agreed by the Strategic Director and lead Cabinet portfolio holder.

The anticipated next steps were:

- To continue dialogue with Ward Members
- Complete Place Standard reports
- Develop and agree the investment/master plans
- Develop project ideas
- Move to Delivery phases
- Agree the approach for phase 2 funding

Simon Taylor explained that the other remaining £4m would be available to deliver changes in other town and village centres and a further Cabinet report would be required to outline how this would be administered.

In response to a question from the Panel regarding engagement through the place standard exercise, the percentage of responses received from residents and the quality of the engagement, Simon Taylor advised that a low response rate had been received partly due to Covid-19 restrictions and the way some of the exercises had taken place, and partly due to other approaches that had been taken in town centres. Simon Taylor confirmed that he was guided by the Citizens Engagement Team and would raise the concerns of low percentages, along with the comments received from the place standard exercise, with the Citizens Engagement Team.

In response to a question from the Panel regarding the cost of the consultants appointed, Simon Taylor advised that a tendering process had taken place and the cost was competitive. It was explained that he did not have the exact costings of the additional resources at the meeting but was able to provide the panel with the information at a later date.

In response to a question from the Panel regarding signing off the master/investment plans and who this would involve, Simon Taylor advised that the Cabinet report in March 2021 had set out how the investment plans would be signed off.

In response to a question from the Panel regarding milestones and how this could be set out, Simon Taylor advised that he required a team to work on the project and was in the process of recruiting staff, a Team Leader had so far been recruited and when they were in place a more tangible program could be put in place.

In response to a question from the Panel regarding the 14 themes from the Place Standard exercise and an understanding of all the themes, Simon Taylor advised that he would speak with the Engagement Team and liaise with Andrew Bird separately to go through all the technical details.

In response to a question from the Panel regarding Ward Members being part of the decision making, Simon Taylor advised that Ward Members were a valuable source of information in their own communities and would be instrumental in helping to progress projects that were selected. Simon Taylor was confident that communities and Ward Members were listened to and that the plan put forward for sign off was right for all involved.

RESOLVED:

That the panel noted the update and thanked officers and Cabinet Members involved in the process. It was also agreed that Simon Taylor would:

1. Liaise with the Citizens Engagement Team regarding the Place Standard exercise.
2. Provide a project milestone programme.
3. Provide the panel with the costings of the additional resources
4. Speak with the Engagement Team and liaise with Andrew Bird, Panel Member Co-optee, on the technical details of the 14 themes of the Place Standard Exercise

8. Work Programme 2020/21

The Panel considered the work programme for 2020/21 municipal year.

RESOLVED:

That the work programme for the 2020/21 municipal year be noted.

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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

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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.



Name of meeting: Economy & Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Panel
Date: 08.02.2022
Title of report: Kirklees Inclusive Economy Strategy Refresh
Purpose of report:

To update Scrutiny on work to refresh the Kirklees Economic Strategy and seek input into the process and content of the work.

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?	No
Key Decision - Is it in the <u>Council's Forward Plan (key decisions and private reports)?</u>	Key Decision – No Private Report/Private Appendix – No
The Decision - Is it eligible for call in by Scrutiny?	Not Applicable If no give the reason why not This is an item on pre decision input by Scrutiny
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?	David Shepherd, Strategic Director, Growth and Regeneration No associated reports
Cabinet member portfolio	Give name of Portfolio Holder/s Cllr Peter McBride

Electoral wards affected: All
Ward councillors consulted: None at this stage
Public or private: Public
Has GDPR been considered? Yes – no issues

1. Summary

To make the Economy and Neighbourhood Scrutiny Panel aware of work with partners to refresh the Kirklees Economic Strategy.

2. Information required to take a decision

Officers will present to the panel based on the slides at Appendix 1. No decision is required from the panel at this stage.

3. Implications for the Council

3.1 Working with People

As will be described the refresh of the Economic Strategy will draw on insights from the extensive programme of recent engagements and consultations with residents on the range of initiatives incorporated within it. As projects are brought to delivery, further engagement and consultation will be carried out using approaches appropriate to the type of intervention involved.

3.2 Working with Partners

Alongside the refresh of the Economic Strategy, the Council is reinvigorating the Kirklees Economic Partnership. This partnership will both shape and ultimately approve the Economic Strategy.

3.3 Place Based Working

The Economic Strategy incorporates a number of place-based investments and sees the connection with communities as paramount to effective economic regeneration and development of a truly sustainable economy.

3.4 Climate Change and Air Quality

Environmental sustainability is expected to be a cross-cutting theme of the strategy reflecting the Council's net zero target of 2038 and the key opportunities represented by the transition to a low carbon economy.

3.5 Improving outcomes for children

The Economic Strategy interfaces with the Our Kirklees Future Strategy as well as having direct and indirect impacts on the lives and livelihoods of families.

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

There are no direct legal, financial or human resources implications arising directly from this report.

4. Next steps and timelines

As set out in the report, the aim is to seek Council endorsement for the refreshed Inclusive Economy Strategy in September 2022.

5. Officer recommendations and reasons

To note the contents of the report and timescales therein. To comment on the process proposed and key issues that will need to be considered as the work progresses.

6. Cabinet Portfolio Holder's recommendations

To note the report and comment on matters of importance to Committee Members

7. Contact officer

Jonathan Nunn, Strategy & Policy Officer (Sustainable Economy)

8. Background Papers and History of Decisions

Kirklees Economic Strategy 2019-25

9. Service Director responsible

Edward Highfield, Service Director for Skills and Regeneration

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Kirklees Inclusive Economy Strategy Refresh

Update to Economy & Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Panel
08.02.2022



Purpose

- To update Scrutiny on work to refresh the Kirklees Economic Strategy
- The first opportunity to input – not the last
- Reminders about what the current strategy says and how it is structured
- Kick off a conversation about process and content / gaps / areas of focus to help inform the work



Kirklees' Economic Outlook

- Despite recent growth, Kirklees still lags regional and national averages – GVA, earnings, productivity
- Relatively high employment levels masks low wage, insecure employment
- Covid impact less severe than first predicted e.g. employment
- Covid widening inequality with differential impacts across groups
- Major headwinds – export, automation, input costs, skilled labour
- Cost of living squeeze for most people – inflation, energy etc



Kirklees Economic Strategy 2019-2025



INCLUSIVITY

with every person realising their potential, through good jobs, and higher levels of skills, income and wellbeing.

PRODUCTIVITY

with innovative, outward and forward looking businesses. Higher productivity creates more value per hour worked and can support good jobs and higher incomes.

Skills, innovation, investment and the infrastructure needed for growth are used as the catalyst for driving productivity and also reducing inequality. Good work and good pay contributes to people's health and wellbeing and progressive future focused businesses recognise that how they support their staff and help them to progress also contributes to how they grow their bottom line.



Priorities

1. Modern Innovative Businesses

boosting business ambitions, best practice and innovation to drive productivity and good jobs.

2. Skilled and Ambitious People

equipping people with the skills, talents and confidence they need to access good, well paid jobs, contributing to and benefiting from economic success.

3. Active Partnerships

building high impact partnerships across private, public and voluntary sectors, with a focus on how 'anchor institutions' can use their employment, procurement, assets and service delivery to build local wealth and achieve better outcomes.

4. Advanced Connectivity and Infrastructure

securing and maximising benefits from the Transpennine rail upgrade, a Huddersfield-North Kirklees Leeds Inclusive Growth Corridor, 10,000 new homes and excellent digital and green infrastructure.

5. Revitalised Centres

using a forward looking, place based approach across Huddersfield, North and South Kirklees to celebrate our district's diversity.



Why refresh?

- Changed context – Brexit & COVID
- Build consensus on local priorities for economic recovery/Levelling up
- Stronger focus on long-term/structural challenges and opportunities
- Highlight opportunities from devolution
- Identify clean growth opportunities from climate change agenda
- Articulate links with communities and health
- Strengthen links between inclusion and growth
- Inform review of Local Plan 2022



Three interlinked top tier strategies for Kirklees



Scope

- Refresh of the KES renaming it the 'Inclusive Economy Strategy'
- Incorporate local Economic Recovery Plan in delivery plan
- Ensure alignment with new MCA arrangements
- Content will be broad-based – encompassing business growth, skills, infrastructure, place (e.g. town centres, housing offer), cultural offer and more...
- Set out ambition for macro economic growth (creating conditions) and catalytic interventions (delivery)
- Review of evidence base and performance framework
- Reignition of partnership / governance arrangements
- Aim for Council endorsement September 2022



Possible thematic approach

People
Skills & Jobs

Partners
Businesses

Places
Investment

Environmental sustainability

Inclusive Economy



Integrating Inclusive Economy

- Inclusive Growth group formed in 2018
- CLES report commissioned in parallel with KES development
- Ongoing work on Procurement Strategy and Social Value Policy building on developing practice
- Nationally recognised Asset Transfer Policy
- The Council as an inclusive employer and WY Fair Work Charter
- Now integrating within all economy work



Multiple Audiences

- Council / Cabinet / Executive Team
- Anchor institution partners (University/College etc)
- Residents and wider business community
- Potential investors
- WYMCA
- Government



Output

- Refreshed Inclusive Economy Strategy, to be owned by Council and partners
- Focus on long-term (10 year) structural challenges and opportunities
- Framework for action over short term
- Revised partnership approach
- Public facing web page of key content
- Acknowledge different audiences will need tailored output



Approach / timeline

- Yorkshire Universities 'critical friend' input commenced
- Early Scrutiny input and visibility – today
- Insight work on public engagement
- Partner engagement / drafting
- Exec Team
- LMT
- Scrutiny
- Cabinet / Council September 2022



Contact

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Name of meeting: Economy and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Panel

Date: 8 February 2021

Title of report: Place Partnerships Active Travel Progress Report

Purpose of report:

To provide members of the Economy and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Panel with a progress report on the work of the Place Partnerships to date and next steps with regards to the Active Travel theme

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
The Decision - Is it eligible for call in by Scrutiny?	Not Applicable
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?	Rachel Spencer Henshall, Director of Corporate Strategy, Commissioning and Public Health 31 February 2022
Cabinet member Housing and Democracy Portfolio	Councillor Cathy Scott

Electoral wards affected: All

Ward councillors consulted: Cllrs Cathy Scott, Gwen Lowe, Andrew Pinnock, Nosheen Dad, Sheikh Ullah, Karen Allison, Elizabeth Reynolds and Charles Greaves

Public or private: Public.

Has GDPR been considered? N/A

1. Summary

- 1.1** Seven Place Partnerships were established at Annual Council in May 2019 to address strategic issues on a geography greater than a ward. They involve a number of wards working together and form part of our approach to Place Based Working
- 1.2** A Place Partnership Lead Councillor has been identified for each geography who has been working with ward Councillors using data, intelligence and insight, gathered through stakeholder engagement, to propose interventions that will lead to better outcomes. They refer recommendations to Cabinet on how their funding will be spent.
- 1.3** Place Partnerships cover the following geographies which have been determined using demographics as a basis. The lead Councillor responsible for each place, and the wards involved, are set out below:
- 1.3.1** Huddersfield North (Ashbrow, Crosland Moor and Netherton and Greenhead wards) - Cllr Sheikh Ullah
 - 1.3.2** Huddersfield Central (Almondbury, Dalton and Newsome wards) - Cllr Karen Alison
 - 1.3.3** Huddersfield Rural - (Denby Dale, Holme Valley North, Holme Valley South and Kirkburton wards) - Cllr Charles Greaves
 - 1.3.4** Colne Valley (Colne Valley, Golcar and Lindley wards) - Cllr Elizabeth Reynolds
 - 1.3.5** Dewsbury (Dewsbury East, Dewsbury South and Dewsbury West wards) - Cllr Nosheen Dad
 - 1.3.6** Spen Valley (Cleckheaton, Heckmondwike, Liversedge and Gomersal and Mirfield wards) - Cllr Andrew Pinnock
 - 1.3.7** Batley, Birstall and Birkenshaw (Batley East, Batley West and Birstall and Birkenshaw wards) - Cllr Gwen Lowe
- 1.4** For 2019/21 the themes were to improve mental health and domestic abuse outcomes, with funding of £1M and £400,000 respectively allocated to support this and spend of £955,219.50p and £400,000 respectively.
- 1.5** For 2021/22 the theme is Active Travel, with funding of £2M available for place leads to work with ward Councillors, schools and local communities on initiatives to encourage walking, cycling or alternatives to cars.

2. Information required to take a decision

- 2.1** In addition to working on their proposals; the seven Place Partnership leads have been meeting regularly since June 2019 in order to: -
- 2.1.1** Plan how they would work together and agree their overarching framework, which is attached at Appendix 1
 - 2.1.2** Share experiences, progress, challenges and explore opportunities to develop cross cutting initiatives.
 - 2.1.3** The Cabinet Member with responsibility for this area of work, Councillor Cathy Scott, also attends the Place Partnership lead's meetings and where required has attended individual place partnership meetings when invited to do so.
- 2.2** The approach adopted across the seven place partnerships has been to: -
- 2.2.1** develop an intelligence profile for each Place to better understand the factors that impact on their theme, share evidence-based approaches to improve outcomes, local good practice etc.
 - 2.2.2** share the profiles with all councillors so they can include their local ward knowledge and identify if further data/intelligence is needed.

- 2.2.3 plan engagement with stakeholders and partners to share and build on the intelligence profile and start to identify the outcomes that are most important and how these could be addressed.
- 2.2.4 Collaborate with stakeholders and partners to plan creative approaches and interventions to support local initiatives, whilst also supporting and building local voluntary and community capacity.
- 2.2.5 Only on completion of the above-mentioned stages can a recommendation be made to Cabinet to commission resources.

2.3 Progress to date on the active travel theme is outlined below: -

- 2.3.1 Colleagues from public health attended the July 2021 place partnership leads meeting to provide an update on the development of the active travel intelligence packs.
- 2.3.2 The profiles included health indicators, examples of best practice, a summary of planned schemes (what's already happening and what's in the pipeline), housing sites for future developments, place standard information, school travel data etc.
- 2.3.3 The active travel intelligence packs were circulated to place leads who were briefed on the content and key indicators in their profile.
- 2.3.4 This was followed with a meeting for all ward Councillors, via their place partnerships, to share and go through the profiles, to start to identify priorities and plan for engagement with community and external stakeholders. The key points from each place partnership meeting are summarised below: -

2.3.4.1 Batley Birstall and Birkenshaw

The Batley Birstall and Birkenshaw place partnership invited all ward Councillors to a meeting in October to receive an overview of their active travel profile from officers. They met again on Tuesday 18th January to explore ideas and priorities that included: -

- Improvement and maintenance of public rights of ways (PROWS) and footpaths that could be used to develop safe walking routes
- Journeys to and from schools with a focus on physical and behaviour change.
- Opportunities to add value to the small-town centre and streets for people programmes.

Officers have started to scope some ideas and options around these priorities which are due to be discussed at the next place partnership meeting in February where next steps will be discussed and agreed by Members.

2.3.4.2 Spen Valley and Mirfield

Spen and Mirfield place partnership met on 19 October to explore the Spen Valley Active Travel Profile (ATP). A summary of the ATP was presented by public health officers who were supported by colleagues from a range of services due to the wide topic area, to fully support the discussion and respond to queries. A further place partnership meeting took place on 23 November where an initial action plan, based on earlier discussions, was considered.

The initial scoping discussions highlighted the potential to prioritise:

- Support life-course interventions
- Purposeful journeys and school routes
- Circular routes
- Enhancing major schemes including associated behavioural changes
- Access to the Greenway & Ringway
- PROW improvements
- Building on community activity.

Officers have started to scope some ideas and options around travel to school and PROWs as these are cross cutting themes common to several or all place partnerships. These ideas

are due to be discussed at their next meeting in February for members to discuss and agree their next steps.

In addition, Councillors will also be encouraged to take up the offer of Kompass training if they are not already familiar with using Kompass.

2.3.4.3 Dewsbury

The Dewsbury Place Partnership has held three meetings to date (Sept, Oct, and Nov 2021) where they have discussed their active travel profile and emerging priorities. They started to scope and prioritise potential actions and at their meeting in November, councillors agreed they would explore: -

- The feasibility of e-bike lending scheme should be further explored involving West Yorkshire Combined Authority and EPIKs, who are working with Huddersfield University and others to develop e-bike use. Scooters not to be included/too complicated and potentially problematic.
- Walking and cycling network route improvements (tackling overgrown and litter strewn areas, lighting, signage, surface improvements. Greenway, PROWS and canal paths all need attention.
- Confidence building and practical improvements on safety in using greenspaces with an enhanced 'offer' that includes walking routes developed and promoted across 3 wards and supported through Dewsbury: Your Health in Mind project
- Safe walking to and from school.

The next place partnership meeting is due to held in February and will explore options on the development of a pilot e-bike scheme with EPIKs and ideas and options around travel to school and PROWs.

2.3.4.4 Huddersfield North

The Huddersfield north place partnership met in October to receive an overview of the active travel profile from various officers. They met again on the 7 December 2021 to agree on their top priorities.

It was agreed by all those present that officers draft three proposals for consideration at a future meeting. The priorities are:

- Improvements and Maintenance of priority PROWs across the 3 wards – targeting routes in and around schools, shops, bus stops etc.
- Engage our Schools across the 3 Wards – footpaths in and around schools. Promote opportunities under Modeshift
- Facilities and local assets – safety/storage, cycle hubs/stands linked to public transport

2.3.4.5 Huddersfield Central

The Huddersfield central place partnership met on 16 September to receive an overview of the active travel profile from various officers. They met again on the 7 December 2021 with all wards represented to agree on their top priorities.

It was agreed by all those present that officers draft three proposals for consideration at a future meeting. The priorities are:

- Improvements and Maintenance of priority PROWs across the 3 wards – particularly around routes around schools, bus stops, shops etc
- Engage Schools across the 3 Wards – links to above priority to enable safe routes to school and opportunities that can be explored under Modeshift
- Enhance Huddersfield Broad Canal Tow Path – primarily those that span the 3 wards. First to confirm the position of any external funding bids which have previously been submitted and secondly to identify additional investment from the Place Partnership.

2.3.4.6 Colne Valley

The Colne Valley place partnership has met four times between October and January where they have received an overview of their active travel profile from various officers, discussed potential priorities amongst themselves and then talked through and explored these with officers. Initial ideas explored by Members with officers to date include: -

- Footpath improvements and schemes to encourage purposeful cycling and active school journeys.
- Street lighting improvement (feeling safe whilst traveling)
- Improvements and Maintenance of priority PROWs

The place partnership meetings are very well attended with all wards being represented, Future meetings are scheduled on 21 February and 21 March to agree priorities and then plan engagement with groups, schools and the community around the priority themes.

2.3.4.7 Huddersfield Rural

The Huddersfield Rural Place Partnership has met twice to consider the Active Travel profile – In October and December. The December meeting was not well attended due to a clash with Cabinet. Cllr Greaves met separately with the 2 Rural Cabinet members in January to update them and discuss the schools and any ward priorities as below.

- The agreed priority population is schools and surrounding communities (drop and go as well as afternoon pick up) and a focus on safe walking routes to school; potentially managing traffic around schools and programmes that encourage parents & children to walk and cycle (not just enforcement) and explore potential to use local spaces such as parks and partner with local sports clubs.

The next Rural Place Partnership meeting is arranged on 22nd February, the purpose is: -

- To consider PROW and school options for active travel and to consider engagement with the priority populations and communities, PROW for example to and from local train stations
- For councillors to consider whether any issues have been highlighted by Place Standard conversations so far such as other priority groups and street-based issues that can be addressed on a ward basis.

To take forward the schools' priority, Holme Valley North ward will pilot the first walkabout and feedback at the next meeting. There will also be a ward walkabout offer in the school's options put forward by officers.

2.3.5 Place Partnership Leads Meetings

The seven place partnership leads met in November to share progress with each other, identify any common themes that can be progressed collectively and to consider how they will evaluate and measure impact. The leads met again on 26 January and received information and costs on sustainable travel to school options and PROW proposals that included: -

- Current delivery taking place currently and which can be scaled up with further resources and capacity
- New interventions to enhance the active travel in school settings (based on place priorities/ barriers/ concerns)
- All interventions support the Kirklees Walking and Cycling Strategic Framework Outcomes (including scooting)
- All activities and approached are considered in the context of inclusivity
- Approximate costings for works on paths for improvements
- Approximate costings for -general maintenance (vegetation) and improvements such as surfacing, mapping and general items.

The leads will now share and discuss options and proposals with their councillor colleagues at their respective place partnership meetings scheduled in February and March where they will be able to agree the priorities they wish to focus on, and work will then take place to work up proposals.

Where priorities, issues and opportunities are bigger than the place partnerships remit allows, the leads are keen that these should not be lost but are picked up and considered by the council and, that work funded by place partnerships should be consolidated and mainstreaming options need to be considered where possible.

3. Implications for the Council

- **Working with People**

The success of place partnerships is based on engagement with councillors, third sector, partners and communities sharing data, intelligence and lived experience to inform and share solutions together.

- **Working with Partners**

The place partnership approach is data and intelligence led and involves stakeholders and partners, including from the third sector, working together to identify the outcomes that are most important and how these could be addressed.

- **Place Based Working**

Place partnerships involve a number of wards working together to address strategic issues. A framework has been developed that utilises data, intelligence and insight, gathered through engagement with partners and stakeholder, that is specific to each place to inform collaborative approaches that will help maximise impact on outcomes in those places.

Whilst some of the place partnerships may have similar priorities, the approach taken to improve active travel will be shaped in collaboration with locally based organisations and tailored to the needs of the place (not a one size fits all approach)

- **Climate Change and Air Quality**

The active travel fund will be used by place leads to work with ward Councillors, schools and local communities on initiatives to encourage walking, cycling or alternatives to cars, which will contribute to the Councils air quality plans.

- **Improving outcomes for children**

Opportunities to increase active travel amongst children and young people will be explored as part of the data and intelligence gathering and engagement approach.

- **Other (e.g., Legal/Financial or Human Resources)**

None

Do you need an Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA)?

Not applicable for this report

4. Consultees and their opinions

The Cabinet Portfolio Holder and Place Partnership Leads have been consulted in the production of this report and support the officer recommendation.

5. Next steps and timelines

Following the place partnership leads meeting on 26 January, the leads will share the information and costs on sustainable travel to school and PROW options with their councillor colleagues at their next meetings, scheduled in February and March, to agree the priorities they wish to focus on, and work will take place to work up proposals.

Evaluation will be planned and built into all proposals recommended to Cabinet and a communication plan is in development to help raise awareness and promote the work of Place Partnerships.

6. Officer recommendations and reasons

That the Economy and Neighbourhoods scrutiny panel note the contents of this report, the progress made to improve active travel outcomes to date and that further engagement, including with ward councillors, will take place to develop projects for Cabinet to consider.

7. Cabinet Portfolio Holder's recommendations

The Cabinet Portfolio Holder supports the approach, progress made and the officer recommendation.

8. Contact officer

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9. Background Papers and History of Decisions

Annual Council Meeting 22 May 2019 – Ward and Place Partnerships

<https://democracy.kirklees.gov.uk/documents/s28786/Item%207%20-%20Place%20Based%20Working%201.pdf>

10. Service Director responsible

Rachel Spencer Henshall, Director of Corporate Strategy, Commissioning and Public Health

Place Partnership Lead – A 9 Stage Framework for Delivery

- 1. Framework Development**
- 2. Resource allocation**
- 3. Initial scoping meeting of Place Partnership Lead Member, Intelligence colleague and key officer**
- 4. Agree a priority theme and population group based on intelligence**
- 5. Develop an action plan to include:**
 - a. Engagement with elected councillors, relevant departments and sections operating in the designated area with responsibility for the priority theme to understand what already exists and what the gaps are
 - b. Engagement with the community and key stakeholder groups / organisations
- 6. Following engagement, determine the commission and consider evaluation**
- 7. Work with place partnership lead members to share commonalities**
- 8. Recommend to Cabinet**
- 9. Implement, monitor and evaluate**
- 10. Celebrate successes, thank partners for their contribution and share the learning with local citizens, key stakeholders and other place partnerships.**

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Agenda Plan 2021/22

	Items	Officer Contact	Notes
<p>Tuesday 13th July 2021</p> <p>Agenda Publication: Monday 5th July 2021</p>	<p>Kirklees Resource and Waste Strategy</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>Dewsbury Town Centre Update</p> <p>To provide the Panel with an update on Dewsbury Town Centre projects and their programmes for delivery.</p>	<p>Sue Proctor/Will Acornley /Lory Hunter/Natalie Stone</p> <p>Simon Taylor/ Peter Thompson,</p>	
<p>Tuesday 24th August 2021</p> <p>Agenda Publication: Monday 16th August</p>	<p>Cooper Bridge Update</p> <p>Update to Panel ahead of Cabinet Meeting in September</p>	<p>Keith Bloomfield</p>	

<p>Tuesday 7th September 2021</p> <p>Agenda Publication: Monday 30th August</p>	<p>Review of Winter maintenance services including the link to planning</p> <p>Cultural Heart</p> <p>Scheduled to go to Cabinet in November</p> <p>Waste Disposal Interim Arrangements (private)</p>	<p>Sue Proctor / Kathryn Broadbent/ Mark Scarr</p> <p>David Glover /David Shepherd</p> <p>Nigel Hancock/Lory Hunter</p>	
<p>Tuesday 19th October 2021</p> <p>Agenda Publication: Monday 11th October</p>	<p>Hot Food Takeaway SPD</p> <p>Kirklees Housing and Neighbourhoods update including estate management</p>	<p>Mathias Franklin /Hannah Morrison/ Johanna Scrutton Steven Wright</p> <p>Naz Parker</p>	
<p>Tuesday 30th November 2021</p> <p>Agenda Publication: Monday 22nd November</p>	<p>Procurement of Waste Treatment Services</p>	<p>Nigel Hancock/ Lory Hunter / Will Acornley</p>	<p>Cabinet December</p>

Thursday 6th January 2022 Agenda Publication: Wednesday 29 th December	Smaller Towns Programme	Simon Taylor	
Tuesday 8th February 2022 Agenda Publication: Monday 31st January	Kirklees Inclusive Economic Strategy Refresh Place Partnership Leads – Active Travel Update	Jonathan Nunn Vina Randhawa	
Thursday 3rd March 2022 Agenda Publication: Wednesday 23 rd February	Huddersfield Blueprint Update Cultural Heart	Simon Taylor David Glover Jodie Harris	To include Station to Stadium Corridor
Thursday 7th April 2022 Agenda Publication: Wednesday 30 th March	Play areas Affordable Housing and Housing Mix SPD	Will Acornley (tbc) Steven Wright /Mathias Franklin /John Buddle	

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Items for consideration

Scheduled

- Waste Strategy (July)
- Dewsbury Town Centre Update (July)
- A62 to Cooper Bridge Corridor Improvement Scheme (August)
- Cultural Heart (September)
- Review of Winter maintenance services including the link to planning (September)
- Overview of SPD's (October)
- Kirklees Housing and Neighbourhoods update including estate management (October)
- Procurement of Waste Treatment Services PRIVATE (November)
- Smaller Towns Programme (January)
- Kirklees Inclusive Economic Strategy Refresh (February)
- Place Partnership Leads – Active Travel Update (February)

Items provisionally scheduled (may be subject to some change):

- Huddersfield Blueprint Update (including Station to Stadium corridor) (March)
- Cultural Heart Update (March)
- Play Areas – (April)
- Affordable Housing Mix SPD's (April)

Items not yet scheduled:

- Inward Investment Strategy (postponed due to Covid)
- Air Quality Action Plan 2021 plan

- Digital Update
- Skills: Training and Apprenticeships
- Green Space Strategy, Biodiversity
- Highway's capital funding programme
- Huddersfield Market
- Place Based Working – focus on stability
- Energy Saving Trust recommendations on future fleet procurement
- KC Housing Allocations Policy Review (new municipal year/new timeline)

Chair Briefed on:

- Cultural Heart
- Huddersfield Markets

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