

ECONOMY AND NEIGHBOURHOODS SCRUTINY PANEL – WORK PROGRAMME 2019/20

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FULL PANEL DISCUSSION		
ISSUE	APPROACH/AREAS OF FOCUS	NOTES
Economic Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inward Investment Strategy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ which businesses/sectors should be targeted and what do they need to be sustainable and grow. ○ alternative sources of finance for environmental issues/ alternative energy use. 	
Skills Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What the Council is doing to develop skills Post 16 to ensure a local workforce that will have the right skills and qualifications to take advantage of planned investment across the district and neighbouring town and cities; including boosting skills to enable access to higher income and better quality jobs; • What are the gaps within the Kirklees district and the wider region? • What actions are being taken to address inequality? • Time series analysis and comparator data with the rest of the Leeds City Region and nationally. • Possible opportunities arising, from housing quality requirements, for development of the green economy in Kirklees by using the existing knowledge of relevant construction skills in the district; which also links into both the Housing Strategy and the Economic Strategy 	

<p>Towns and Communities in Kirklees</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider and assess the plans being developed for town centres. • Huddersfield Town Centre Masterplan – to look at the engagement and consultation process particularly in relation to local stakeholders and small businesses. • Assess the objectives of plans to include the aspirations/vision for the towns, public realm and infrastructure. • Consideration of the wider context of other town centres/villages across Kirklees to include looking at the key challenges and opportunities that could influence this agenda. 	<p><u>17 July 2019</u> Report on the Huddersfield Blueprint – with a focus on engagement and consultation. Head of Development and Master Planning requested to provide additional information in respect of a number of related issues and to include information in future reports in relation to measures to make public transport an attractive option/potential impact on other town centres/environmental impact.</p>
<p>Green Space Strategy</p>	<p>To consider the proposed approach to the draft Greenspace Strategy; focus on engagement and consultation.</p>	
<p>Playable Spaces Strategy</p>	<p>To consider the proposed approach to the draft Playable Spaces Strategy; focus on engagement and consultation.</p>	
<p>Digital Strategy</p>	<p>Update report 12 months after implementation to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress with physical infrastructure but also in respect of the wider promotion of the advantages of the Kirklees district. • The work being undertaken relating to the development of appropriate skills (links in with Skills Strategy) • The work being done to ensure that residents within more rural areas are supported to be able to access a digital network that is fit for purpose and future proofed. 	

<p>Planning and Related Issues</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Infrastructure Levy/Section 106 Agreements; to include the associated administrative process and effectiveness of the provision of ‘Metrocards’ • Progress in relation to the development of the supporting policies for the Local Plan • Bus service provision relative to: the Local Plan and the planning system/ new development (links in with air quality). 	
<p>Active Travel</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cycling and Walking Strategic Framework 	
<p>Waste Strategy</p>	<p>New National Resources and Waste Strategy is being developed. Areas could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implications for Kirklees Waste Strategy; Scrutiny to feed into proposals/engagement in relation to changes to collection regime. • Litter and Environmental Crime – approach; to include statistics and analysis/ how ‘hotspots’ are targeted/ trends/how the work of the Street Cleansing Teams is focused/ feedback on the Ward Based Action Squads. • Considering what work is being done with the local population and local business in respect of avoiding and reducing waste/single use plastic. • Household Waste Recycling Centres; accessibility/permit process/layout/potential barriers to use. 	<p><u>19 September 2019</u> Presentation on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ward Squads • Fly Tipping • Household Waste Recycling Centres • Bulky Waste Collection
<p>Housing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relationship with KNH • Preventing Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy; update post implementation including statistics on housing need/waiting lists/rough sleepers. 	

LEAD MEMBER BRIEFING/MONITORING

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Economic Strategy	Update following implementation (9-12 months). to include: Progress in respect of the priorities and actions set out in the Kirklees Economic Strategy (KES); what has been done and economic position statement including outcomes.	KES 2019-25 approved March 2019
Air Quality	Update after completion of consultation	
Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kirklees Housing Strategy; progress report 12 months after implementation • Selective Licensing Schemes • Hackitt Report: update on the progress of the Working Group established to work through the Hackitt Report's detailed implications. Other potential areas for future consideration included:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ the success of the Council in involving residents in the management and monitoring of social housing stock; ○ the ability to provide more social housing and manage effectively; ○ an examination of neighbourhood working and how the Council could manage and improve neighbourhoods and work with residents to tackle their concerns. 	
Poverty Strategy	To consider the proposed approach to the Poverty Strategy	