

ECONOMY AND NEIGHBOURHOODS SCRUTINY PANEL – WORK PROGRAMME 2019/20

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FULL PANEL DISCUSSION		
ISSUE	APPROACH/AREAS OF FOCUS	OUTCOMES/ACTIONS
Inward Investment 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. 	January 2020
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 	Provisional – March 2020

<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>Provisional – March 2020</p>
<p>Council Owned Tree and Woodland Management Policy</p>		<p><u>10 October 2019</u> Report on development of the Council Owned Tree and Woodland Management Policy and the commitment to the White Rose Forest initiative. Recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greenspace Service should engage with uniformed groups in relation to tree planting volunteering opportunities and that the engagement being undertaken with schools be endorsed. • Policy be brought back to the Panel for consideration should significant amendment be made further to the consultation process.

Playable Spaces Strategy	<p>To consider the proposed approach to the draft Playable Spaces Strategy; focus on engagement and consultation.</p>	<p><u>14 November 2019</u> Recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposal for consultations with a wide range of stakeholders on the Playable Space Strategy in advance of the local elections 2020 supported. • The vital role of ward members in contributing to the consultation to develop play opportunities to meet children’s needs is acknowledged.
Digital Strategy	<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>Provisional January/March 2020</p>
Planning and Related Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)/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>S106 + Open Space SPGs - December 2019 Hot Food Takeaway – January 2020 CIL + Viability Guidance - January 2020</p>
Active Travel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cycling and Walking Framework 	<p>Study Visit planned.</p>

Waste Strategy

New National Resources and Waste Strategy is being developed. Areas could include:

- 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.

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Recommendations:

- Ward Councillors should be provided with an overview of the issues reported to the Council by residents (including on ROSS) to assist them in determining the priorities for action within their ward.
- Consideration be given to how best the Service might be able to support ward members in promoting and publicising this work to their residents.
- The Service should consider raising awareness within schools and colleges of the potential for volunteering opportunities and work experience.
- A strategic environmental assessment should be undertaken as part of the development of the Kirklees Waste Strategy.
- Disposal of trade waste, including the potential impact on the levels of fly tipping, should be considered as part of the development of the new waste strategy.
- Fly tipping be retained on the Panel’s Work Programme with a particular focus on the use of an intelligence led approach.
- It would be beneficial to increase awareness of the concessions available for the bulky waste collection service for those residents in receipt of an assisted bin service, and the permit process for the Household Waste Recycling Centres.
- That Members of the Panel be provided with:
 - data in relation to the number of fines collected for littering and fly tipping compared with the number issued.
 - the enforcement flow chart.
 - the gross tonnage figures for the Household Waste Recycling Centres broken down into general waste/recyclable waste for 2015/16 onwards.

<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. • Tenant Involvement and Engagement 	<p>OSMC – Ad Hoc Panel</p> <p><u>10 October 2019</u> Progress Report. Recommendation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That specific reference be made to ex-military personnel as a vulnerable group and that the funding obtained at regional level to focus on work with veterans be noted. <p><u>14 November 2019</u> Recommendation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That a further update on the implementation of the Tenant Involvement Strategy be submitted to a future meeting of this Panel.
<p>Air Quality</p>	<p>Update after completion of consultation</p>	<p><u>10 October 2019</u> Update on development of the Council’s 5 Year AQ Action Plan. Recommendation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Areas of interest which the Panel may wish to give more detailed consideration in the future: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Which measures have proven effective and which provide good value for money. - Addressing the issue of vehicles with idling engines particularly outside schools. - How the planning system can be used/will address issues in relation to infrastructure to encourage sustainable transport/active travel. - Improving infrastructure to encourage travel by public transport/cycling and walking. - Encouraging/ facilitating better options for travel to school to reduce use of private cars.

LEAD MEMBER BRIEFING/MONITORING

ISSUE	APPROACH/AREAS OF FOCUS	NOTES
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 Lead Member Briefing 8/10/19
Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kirklees Housing Strategy; progress report 12 months after implementation (approved September 2019) • 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. 	Lead Member Briefings 12/9/19 + March 2020
Tackling Poverty	To consider the approach to tackling poverty	Lead Member Briefings 1/10/19 + January 2020