

ECONOMY AND NEIGHBOURHOODS SCRUTINY PANEL

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ISSUE	APPROACH AND AREAS OF FOCUS	OFFICER/PARTNER COMMENTS
FULL PANEL DISCUSSION ISSUES – CARRIED FORWARD FROM 2019/20		
1. Inward Investment Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Inward Investment Strategy• 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.	Originally scheduled for April 2020 (cancelled due to Covid 19)
2. Tackling Poverty	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What organisations can do to design services which integrate and consider the impact of poverty in how people access, use and experience services;• How poverty can be considered as part of decision-making processes across the authority;• Inclusive Economy work – e.g. good work, local spend and social value;• How can employers work together to optimise the opportunities for investment in good quality pre-Apprenticeships and Apprenticeships programmes? How can we transfer good practice in health and social care to other sectors of the local economy?• What Council can do to support their own staff who may be living in poverty e.g. poverty proofing in a work-based setting.	Originally scheduled for April 2020 (cancelled due to Covid 19)

3. Active Travel	To continue to monitor current and planned infrastructure.	Originally considered at joint meeting on 28 Feb 2020 - Panel resolved to keep the issue on the work programme and arrange a half day workshop to allow for more in depth consideration. Cycling and Walking visit (29 March cancelled due to Covid 19) To be re-arranged when possible
4. Digital Strategy	<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. 	Originally considered March 2020. Panel resolved to receive update on digital agenda after 12 months.
5. Air Quality	<p>Following introduction of 5 year Action Plan, to monitor and consider the following:</p> <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. 	The Panel considered the Air Quality Action Plan in Oct 19 as part of its development. A number of areas to monitor were identified following implementation of the Action Plan.

6. Planning Related Matters	Hot Food Takeaway CIL + Viability Guidance	Deferred from Jan 2020 Considered Jan 2020 – further examination prior to adoption by Council
7. Towns and Communities in Kirklees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess the objectives/delivery 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>July 2019 Report on the Huddersfield Blueprint – with a focus on engagement and consultation.</p> <p>Future updates/reports requested as plans develop</p>
PROPOSED NEW ISSUE	FOCUS	OFFICER/PARTNER COMMENTS
1. COVID-19	<p>To consider the impact of COVID-19 on areas falling within the remit of the Economy and Neighbourhoods Panel. Potential areas for consideration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Waste Collection/Recycling/Fly Tipping Economic Impact including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business Grants (processing and take up) Measures to support the local economy and aid economic recovery Understanding the budget implications of dealing with the crisis and the longer-term financial impact. Impact on poverty and tackling inequalities Community Response (including capacity of voluntary organisations within the community and the strengthening) <p>Housing Rents (Impact on tenants following recent increase in council housing rents ; help provided to tenants who may require financial support)</p>	

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