

## ECONOMY AND NEIGHBOURHOODS SCRUTINY PANEL

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### **POTENTIAL ISSUES IDENTIFIED FOR INCLUSION IN THE WORK PROGRAMME 2020/21**

<b>ISSUE</b>	<b>APPROACH AND AREAS OF FOCUS</b>	<b>OFFICER/PARTNER COMMENTS</b>
<b>FULL PANEL DISCUSSION ISSUES – CARRIED FORWARD FROM 2019/20</b>		
<b>1. Inward Investment Strategy</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inward Investment Strategy</li> <li>• which businesses/sectors should be targeted and what do they need to be sustainable and grow.</li> <li>• alternative sources of finance for environmental issues/ alternative energy use.</li> </ul>	Originally scheduled for April 2020 (cancelled due to Covid 19)
<b>2. Tackling Poverty</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What organisations can do to design services which integrate and consider the impact of poverty in how people access, use and experience services;</li> <li>• How poverty can be considered as part of decision-making processes across the authority;</li> <li>• Inclusive Economy work – e.g. good work, local spend and social value;</li> <li>• 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?</li> <li>• What Council can do to support their own staff who may be living in poverty e.g. poverty proofing in a work-based setting.</li> </ul>	Originally scheduled for April 2020 (cancelled due to Covid 19)  Considered by Corporate Scrutiny Panel (Sept 2020)

<p><b>3. Active Travel</b></p>	<p>To continue to monitor current and planned infrastructure.</p>	<p>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</p>
<p><b>4. Digital Strategy</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Progress with physical infrastructure but also in respect of the wider promotion of the advantages of the Kirklees district.</li> <li>• The work being undertaken relating to the development of appropriate skills (links in with Skills Strategy)</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>	<p>Originally considered March 2020. Panel resolved to receive update on digital agenda after 12 months.</p>
<p><b>5. Air Quality</b></p>	<p>Following introduction of 5 year Action Pan, to monitor and consider the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Which measures have proven effective and which provide good value for money.</li> <li>• Addressing the issue of vehicles with idling engines particularly outside schools.</li> <li>• How the planning system can be used/will address issues in relation to infrastructure to encourage sustainable transport/active travel.</li> <li>• Improving infrastructure to encourage travel by public transport/cycling and walking.</li> <li>• Encouraging/ facilitating better options for travel to school to reduce use of private cars.</li> </ul>	<p>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.</p>

<p><b>6. Planning Related Matters</b></p>	<p>Hot Food Takeaway</p> <p>CIL + Viability Guidance</p>	<p>Deferred from Jan 2020 (likely Apr 2021)</p> <p>Considered Jan 2020 – further examination prior to adoption by Council</p>
<p><b>7. Towns and Communities in Kirklees</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assess the objectives/delivery of plans to include the aspirations/vision for the towns, public realm and infrastructure.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>	<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>
<p><b>PROPOSED NEW ISSUE</b></p>	<p><b>FOCUS</b></p>	<p><b>OFFICER/PARTNER COMMENTS</b></p>
<p><b>1. COVID-19</b></p>	<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"> <li>• <b>Waste Collection/Recycling/Fly Tipping</b></li> <li>• <b>Economic Impact</b> including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Business Grants (processing and take up)</li> <li>- Measures to support the local economy and aid economic recovery</li> <li>- Understanding the budget implications of dealing with the crisis and the longer-term financial impact.</li> <li>- Impact on poverty and tackling inequalities</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Community Response</b> (including capacity of voluntary organisations within the community and the strengthening )</li> </ul>	

	<p><b>Housing Rents</b> (Impact on tenants following recent increase in council housing rents ; help provided to tenants who may require financial support)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Supplementary Planning Documents</b> – Residential Design and Householder extensions and alterations</li> <li>• <b>Private Rented Housing Sector (Support as a result of Covid)</b></li> </ul>	
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**To be scheduled:**

- Hot food Takeaway SPD
- Inward Investment Strategy
- Blueprint/Regeneration
- Digital Update
- Smaller Town Initiatives
- Winter Maintenance Linked to Planning
- Dewsbury Town Deal