

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.

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| 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