

Name of meeting: Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee

Date: 19th April 2022

Title of report: Request to establish Ad Hoc Scrutiny Panel

To consider a request to establish an Ad Hoc Scrutiny Panel in respect of Regeneration Projects within Kirklees

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?	Not applicable
Key Decision - Is it in the <u>Council's Forward Plan (key decisions and private reports)</u>?	Not applicable
The Decision - Is it eligible for call in by Scrutiny?	Not applicable
Date signed off by <u>Strategic Director</u> & name	David Shepherd – 07.04.2022
Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Finance?	Not applicable
Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Legal Governance and Commissioning?	Julie Muscroft – 07.04.2022
Cabinet member portfolio	Cllr Peter McBride Cllr Eric Firth

Electoral wards affected: All

Ward councillors consulted: Not applicable.

Public or private: Public Report

Has GDPR been considered? Yes. The report does not include any personal data that identifies a living individual.

1. Summary

- 1.1 Following discussions with the Chair of Scrutiny, the Chair of Economy and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Panel and the Strategic Director Growth and Regeneration it is requested that an Ad Hoc Scrutiny Panel be established to scrutinise a number of ongoing regeneration projects within Kirklees. The proposed draft Terms of Reference are set out in paragraph 2.4 below.
- 1.2 The Committee is asked to establish this Ad Hoc Scrutiny Panel on a cross party basis of a 1:1:1:1 ratio.

2. Information required to take a decision

- 2.1 Currently, overview and scrutiny of regeneration projects is undertaken by the Economy and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Panel, the remit of which includes all matters, cabinet decisions, service provision (in particular those services that the relevant Cabinet Member(s) is responsible for), relating to the economy, infrastructure, regeneration, town centres, investment, culture and activities relating to partnerships and partner bodies within the portfolio.
- 2.2 The Panel has received regular updates in respect of the Huddersfield Blueprint, Cultural Heart and Small Centres Programme. However, balancing a very full and busy work programme within the context of a limited number of pre-timetabled meetings has restricted the ability of the Panel to undertake detailed in-depth scrutiny of these ongoing regeneration programmes.
- 2.3 A separate Ad-hoc Panel dedicated to the scrutiny of regeneration projects within Kirklees would allow for an agile approach to be taken, allowing scrutiny members to hear from all relevant stakeholders and input views and recommendations as the projects develop. The proposed core projects below would move from current work programmes and panels to the new Ad-Hoc Scrutiny Panel to avoid duplication of work. Any overlapping items and which panel they appear on the work programme of, will be agreed by the Chair of Scrutiny following consultation with the Lead Members of the relevant panels.
- 2.4 The draft terms of reference are as set out below:

The Ad Hoc Scrutiny Panel will scrutinise ongoing major regeneration projects within Kirklees and hear from all relevant stakeholders, including Cabinet Members, Senior Officers and Consultants with a view to providing input, through recommendations, as the projects develop and move towards full delivery.

The Panel will have in view the following Core Projects:

- Huddersfield Blueprint
- Cultural Heart
- Dewsbury Blueprint
- Small Centres Programme

3. Implications for the Council

There are no specific implications for the Council at this point.

4. Consultees and their opinions

Chairs of Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee and Economy and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Panel have been consulted on the proposal.

5. Next steps and timelines

- 5.1 OSMC are asked to agree a timeline for the commencement of the proposed Ad Hoc Panel.
- 5.2 Following consideration of information and evidence presented, the Ad Hoc Panel may formulate recommendations, which will be considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee prior to submission to Cabinet.

6. Officer recommendations and reasons

- 6.1 That the Ad Hoc Regeneration Scrutiny Panel be established with the Terms of Reference and membership details set out in this report along with an indicative timeline for commencement.

7. Cabinet Portfolio Holder's recommendations

Not applicable.

8. Contact officer

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9. Service Director responsible

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