

ECONOMY AND NEIGHBOURHOODS SCRUTINY PANEL

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POTENTIAL ISSUES IDENTIFIED FOR INCLUSION IN THE WORK PROGRAMME 2020/21		
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) Considered by Corporate Scrutiny Panel (Sept 2020)

<p>3. Active Travel</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>4. Digital Strategy</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>Originally considered March 2020. Panel resolved to receive update on digital agenda after 12 months.</p>
<p>5. Air Quality</p>	<p>Following introduction of 5 year Action Pan, 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. 	<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>6. Planning Related Matters</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>7. Towns and Communities in Kirklees</p>	<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>
<p>PROPOSED NEW ISSUE</p>	<p>FOCUS</p>	<p>OFFICER/PARTNER COMMENTS</p>
<p>1. COVID-19</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"> • 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> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Supplementary Planning Documents – Residential Design and Householder extensions and alterations• Private Rented Housing Sector (Support as a result of Covid)	
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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