

ECONOMY AND NEIGHBOURHOODS SCRUTINY PANEL – PROPOSED WORK PROGRAMME 2018/19

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POTENTIAL ISSUES IDENTIFIED FOR INCLUSION IN THE WORK PROGRAMME 2018/19	
ISSUE	POTENTIAL APPROACH/AREAS OF FOCUS
1. Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Receiving a copy of the Kirklees Draft Housing Strategy to include highlighting areas of the strategy that have been influenced by discussions with the Panel during 2017/18 municipal year.• Consideration to be given to monitoring progress of the Strategy and the approach and time line for this work.• Receiving a presentation on the proposed changes to the Kirklees Housing Allocations Policy to include the planned approach to delivering the policy.• Areas of focus on Allocations Policy to be agreed following the initial discussions.
2. Towns and Communities in Kirklees	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To consider and assess the plans being developed for Dewsbury and Huddersfield Town Centres.• To assess the objectives of the plans to include the aspirations/vision for the towns, public realm and infrastructure.• To consider the approach being taken to developing and consulting on the master plans and looking at the role of scrutiny in this process.• Consideration may also need to be given to the wider context of other town centres and villages across Kirklees to include looking at key challenges and opportunities that could influence this agenda.
3. Economic Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Looking at the refresh of the Kirklees Economic Strategy.• This is an overarching strategy that will help inform the development of the town centre master plans and the Panel will need to consider its approach to reviewing and helping to inform the Strategy.• The Panel may also wish to include a focus on the West Yorks Combined Authority Inclusive Growth Strategy as part of this area of work.

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4. Skills Strategy	<p>Work on refreshing the Kirklees Skill Strategy is less developed than the work being done on the Economic Strategy and master plans. The Council will need to consider whether to further develop its own Skills Strategy or to use the Leeds City Region (LCR) Strategy and focus on the local delivery of this wider plan.</p> <p>The Panel could consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewing the LCR Strategy and assessing how it will influence and shape local policy. • The Council's approach to developing a local workforce that will have the right skills and qualifications to exploit planned investment across the district and neighbouring Towns and Cities.
5. Waste Minimisation	<p>Areas could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receiving an initial presentation to understand the current position of waste minimisation in Kirklees which would help to provide a benchmark/starting point for the Panel. • A more detailed look at the waste and recycling elements of this agenda. • Considering what is being done to change the behaviour of the local population to avoiding and reducing waste.