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# The Kirklees Picture – Strengths

- Diverse population
- Mixture of rural and urban towns and villages with distinct communities
- World-leading manufacturers have bases in Kirklees
- Most of our businesses are SMEs
- Premiership football club

# The Kirklees Picture – Areas for Improvement

- Continue the Children's Improvement journey to lift the Ofsted rating of Children's Services
- Housing development that meets the needs of Kirklees residents now and in the future
- Addressing health inequalities through improvement of health services
- Better attainment at Key Stage 2 by improving school readiness
- Organisational culture

# Cabinet's Priorities

- **High quality Children's Services**
- **High quality health services for Kirklees residents**
- **Happy and healthy lives for people of Kirklees**
- **Improved attainment of all children at school**

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- **Economically successful and vibrant centres in Kirklees**
- **To provide safe and green streets, places and natural spaces**
- **Making the most of Kirklees' resources for our communities**
- **Suitable homes in attractive places throughout people's lives**

# People, Places and Partners

- By putting **people** at the heart of decision making, we can develop solutions together, improving outcomes and opportunities for Kirklees residents
- By recognising the strengths of our diverse **places** and putting members at the heart of their communities we can address issues at a local level, direct our resources appropriately and build capacity where it is needed
- By working with **partners** in the voluntary and communities sectors we can make best use of our shared knowledge, skills and resources

# Regional Collaboration

- Collaborating with other authorities on innovative social and economic programmes and improving our ability to influence central government for the well-being and economic prosperity of Kirklees citizens
- Representing Kirklees across the region, including our part in a devolution deal for Yorkshire
- Chairing WYCA Inclusive Growth and Public Policy Panel

# My priorities as leader

- **Devolution**
- **Inclusive growth**
- **Inclusion and diversity**
- **Narrowing the gap**

## **Investment in our people and places**

- A new pool and leisure facility for Spen Valley
- Quality of place improvements
- Improving the look and feel of our town and village centres