

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

MEMBERS: Councillors Rob Walker (Lead Member), Bill Armer, Martyn Bolt, Judith Hughes, Richard Murgatroyd and Harpreet Uppal
Andrew Bird and Mark Mercer (Co-optees)

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POTENTIAL ISSUES IDENTIFIED FOR INCLUSION IN THE WORK PROGRAMME 2018/19

ISSUE	APPROACH/AREAS OF FOCUS	OUTCOMES
<p>1. Housing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receiving 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. 	<p><u>Panel Meeting 19 July 2018</u></p> <p>The Panel received the draft Kirklees Housing Strategy and Action Plan 2018/2023 and an update on the work that is being undertaken on the Housing Allocations Policy. The Panel agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To look at the implications for the local authority following the publication of the Hackitt report (see Item 9 of the work programme). • Cllrs Hughes and Armer would join the Council working group undertaking a review of the Open Age Policy and Local Lettings Framework. <p><u>Panel Meeting 10 October 2018</u></p> <p>As part of discussion on the work programme it was agreed that an update on Housing Strategy Implementation be scheduled in the new year.</p>

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<p>2. Economic Strategy</p>	<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 Yorkshire Combined Authority Inclusive Growth Strategy as part of this area of work. 	<p><u>Panel Meeting 5 September 2018</u></p> <p>The Panel received an update on the work that was taking place to refresh the Kirklees Economic Strategy.</p> <p>The Panel agreed that a further report on the draft refreshed KES be brought to the meeting of the Panel on 10 October 2018, as part of wider discussions on inclusive growth, social value and the Skills Strategy.</p> <p><u>Panel Meeting 10 October 2018</u></p> <p>The Panel received an update on the work being undertaken on social value and local wealth building, and links to inclusive growth, in line with the refresh of the Kirklees Economic Strategy.</p> <p>The Panel agreed that an update on the refresh of the Kirklees Economic Strategy and Social Value and Inclusive Growth be brought back to the Panel in January 2019.</p>
<p>2. Skills Strategy</p>	<p>Work on refreshing the Kirklees Skills Strategy and Plan is progressing and will include contribution from key partners in Kirklees. Potential areas of consideration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should the Council continue to develop and refine its own Skills Strategy or look to use the Leeds City Region (LCR) Strategy and focus on local delivery of this wider plan? • 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. 	<p><u>Panel Meeting 10 October 2018</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members received an update and noted the progress and further development of the Kirklees Employment and Skills Plan.

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3. 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. 	Scheduled for 7 November 2018
4. Green Space		Scheduled for 12 December 2018
5. Digital Strategy		Scheduled for 12 December 2018
6. 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. 	Provisionally Scheduled for 17 January and 14 February 2019
7. Air Quality		Provisionally Scheduled for 21 March 2019
8. Review of the Hackitt Report	To look at and monitor the implications for the Council following the publication of the Hackitt report 'Independent Review of Building Regulations and Fire Safety'.	Additional meeting scheduled for 31 October 2018 to consider the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government's Social Housing Green Paper and Call for Evidence.