

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

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

ISSUE	APPROACH/AREAS OF FOCUS	OUTCOMES
<b>Economic Strategy</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Looking at the refresh of the Kirklees Economic Strategy.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>	<p><u>Panel Meeting 5 September 2018</u> The Panel received an update on the work that was taking place to refresh the Kirklees Economic Strategy (KES). 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> 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 KES. The Panel agreed that an update on the refresh of the KES and Social Value and Inclusive Growth be brought back to the Panel in January 2019.</p> <p><u>Panel Meeting 17 January 2019</u> The Panel received an update on the refresh of the KES and the final Local Wealth Building Report by the Centre for Economic Strategies. The work undertaken and progress made was noted and it was requested that an update be brought back to the Panel following implementation.</p>

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<p><b>Skills Strategy</b></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"> <li>• 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?</li> <li>• Reviewing the LCR Strategy and assessing how it will influence and shape local policy.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>	<p><u>Panel Meeting 10 October 2018</u> Members received an update and noted the progress and further development of the Kirklees Employment and Skills Plan.</p>
<p><b>Towns and Communities in Kirklees</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To consider and assess the plans being developed for Dewsbury and Huddersfield Town Centres.</li> <li>• To assess the objectives of the plans to include the aspirations/vision for the towns, public realm and infrastructure.</li> <li>• To consider the approach being taken to developing and consulting on the master plans and looking at the role of scrutiny in this process.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>	<p><u>Panel Meeting 7 November 2018</u> The Panel received a report which provided an overview of the challenges facing the district’s town centres and the programmes in place to address these challenges.</p> <p>The Panel recommended that the desired outcomes in relation to town centres and how these relate to the overall economic strategy for the district, be made clear within the refreshed Kirklees Economic Strategy and agreed that a working group be established to examine:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• partnership working in developing the town centre offer;</li> <li>• work with the Town Centre Partnership in relation to the Huddersfield Business Improvement District (BID); and</li> <li>• work on Dewsbury Town Centre development.</li> </ul>

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<b>Towns and Communities in Kirklees (continued)</b>		<p><u>Panel Meeting 14 February 2019</u> It was anticipated that a meeting of the Panel would be arranged early in the new municipal year to focus on the Town Centre Masterplan, to be followed by an informal session with wider involvement.</p>
<b>Green Space</b>	To consider the proposed approach to the draft Greenspace Strategy.	<p><u>Panel Meeting 12 December 2018</u> The Panel received a report which set out the proposed approach to the draft Greenspace Strategy.</p>
<b>Digital Strategy</b>	To consider and provide input into the draft Digital Plan	<p><u>Panel Meeting 14 February 2019</u> The Panel welcomed the work that was ongoing and asked that reference to developing and utilising digital capacity to build businesses, encourage entrepreneurship and retain wealth in the district be strengthened in the Digital Plan.</p>
<b>Waste Minimisation</b>	<p>Areas could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• A more detailed look at the waste and recycling elements of this agenda.</li> <li>• Considering what is being done to change the behaviour of the local population to avoiding and reducing waste.</li> </ul>	<p><u>Panel Meeting 17 January 2019</u> Further to a presentation given at Council on 16 January 2019, the Panel received a presentation in relation to waste and recycling and noted the work that was being undertaken.</p>
<b>Air Quality</b>		Scheduled for 21 March 2019

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<p><b>Housing</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Consideration to be given to monitoring progress of the Strategy and the approach and time line for this work.</li> <li>• Receiving a presentation on the proposed changes to the Kirklees Housing Allocations Policy to include the planned approach to delivering the policy.</li> <li>• Areas of focus on Allocations Policy to be agreed following the initial discussions.</li> </ul>	<p><u>Panel Meeting 19 July 2018</u>                      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"> <li>• To look at the implications for the local authority following the publication of the Hackitt report.</li> <li>• Cllrs Hughes and Armer would join the Council working group undertaking a review of the Open Age Policy and Local Lettings Framework.</li> </ul> <p><u>Panel Meeting 10 October 2018</u>                      As part of discussion on the work programme it was agreed that an update on Housing Strategy Implementation be scheduled in the new year. This has been arranged for 21 March 2019.</p> <p><u>Panel Meeting 12 December 2018</u>                      The Panel received a report which provided an update on the Rough Sleeping situation including changes to the Council’s Severe Weather Emergency Protocol and application proposals for Rough Sleeping Strategy funding. The Panel acknowledged the work being undertaken by the Council and partners to tackle homelessness.</p> <p><u>Panel Meeting 17 January 2019</u>                      The Panel received a report which outlined progress in developing the Kirklees Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy, as well as a draft version of the Strategy prior to consideration by Council on 20 March 2019.</p>

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<b>Housing (continued)</b>		<p>The Panel noted the work undertaken to tackle the issues raised; and recommended that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the wording in relation to the Housing First model be updated in the draft Kirklees Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy to outline the current position; and</li> <li>• that statistics in relation to the uptake of the Severe Weather Emergency Protocol provision be included with the documentation to Council on 20 March 2019.</li> </ul>
<b>Review of the Hackitt Report</b>	<p>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'.</p>	<p><u>Panel Meeting 31 October 2018</u></p> <p>The Panel received a report regarding the drafting of the Council's response to the Social Housing Green Paper: A new deal for social housing which related to recommendations arising from the Hackitt Review. The report outlined the context, work required and undertaken in response to the Hackitt Report, as well as plans envisaged going forward.</p> <p>The Panel welcomed the work that had been carried out in response to the Hackitt Report and requested that an update on the progress of the Working Group, established to work through the Hackitt Report's detailed implications, be brought to a future meeting. Other potential areas for future consideration included:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the success of the Council in involving residents in the management and monitoring of social housing stock;</li> <li>• the ability to provide more social housing and manage effectively; and</li> <li>• an examination of neighbourhood working and how the Council could manage and improve neighbourhoods and work with residents to tackle their concerns.</li> </ul>