

ECONOMY AND NEIGHBOURHOODS SCRUTINY PANEL – DRAFT WORK PROGRAMME 2019/20

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POTENTIAL ISSUES FOR INCLUSION		
ISSUE	APPROACH/AREAS OF FOCUS	
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 Yorkshire Combined Authority Inclusive Growth Strategy as part of this area of work. 	<p><i>Notes:</i> requested that an update be brought back to the Panel following implementation (12 months).</p>
Skills Strategy	<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><i>Notes:</i> LM to discuss with Strategic Director including regional element</p>
Towns and Communities in	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To consider and assess the plans being developed for 	

Kirklees	<p>Dewsbury and Huddersfield Town Centres.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	<p>First meeting of the Panel in the new municipal year to focus on the Town Centre Masterplan.</p> <p>Focus intended to be on the engagement/consultation process particularly in respect of local stakeholders/small businesses etc</p>
Green Space	To consider the proposed approach to the draft Greenspace Strategy.	LM to clarify position with Strategic Director
Digital Strategy	To consider and provide input into the draft Digital Plan	Panel agreed retain on work programme not just in terms of progress with physical infrastructure and work being undertaken re development of appropriate skills but also re promotion of advantages for the district. + progress report 12 months after implementation
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. 	<p>LM to discuss with Strategic Director including:</p> <p>Litter and fly tipping Recycling and Environmental Crime – Service redesign.</p>
Air Quality		<p>Retain on list as ongoing strategy that requires scrutiny involvement. Update/progress report after implementation.</p> <p>LM to discuss with Strategic Director</p> <p>Link in with Cycling and Walking Strategic Framework</p>
Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kirklees Housing Strategy 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consideration to be given to monitoring progress of the Strategy and the approach and time line for this work. <p>Preventing Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy</p>	<p><i>Notes:</i></p> <p>Following were noted as potential issues for consideration for inclusion in the Panel’s future work programme:</p> <p>(i) Possible opportunities arising, from housing quality requirements, for development of the green economy in Kirklees by using the existing knowledge of relevant construction skills in the district; which links into both the Housing Strategy and the Economic Strategy</p> <p>(ii) How bus service provision links in with the Local Plan, the planning system, new development and air quality issues – link in with air quality.</p> <p>Progress reports 12 months after implementation</p>
<p>Review of the Hackitt Report</p>	<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>The Panel requested an update on the progress of the Working Group, established to work through the Hackitt Report’s detailed implications. Other potential areas for future consideration included:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the success of the Council in involving residents in the management and monitoring of social housing stock; • the ability to provide more social housing and manage effectively; and • an examination of neighbourhood working and how the Council could manage and improve neighbourhoods and work with residents to tackle their concerns. <p>LM to discuss with Strategic Director</p>
<p>Other potential issues identified at this stage by the LM (to be discussed with Strategic Director):</p> <p>Inequality as a general issue across the various Council strategies</p> <p>Poverty Strategy</p> <p>Brexit Preparations – First Meeting in new Municipal Year</p> <p>Gangs Strategy/Impact on Cohesive Communities and Neighbourhoods</p>		