

REPORT A
Kirklees Council

Scrutiny Lead Member Report

Lead Member: Cllr Andrew Cooper: Corporate Scrutiny Panel

Period of Update : From June 2019 – August 2019

Panel Highlights

Lead Member briefings with:

- Strategic Director Corporate Strategy, Commissioning and Public Health
- Service Director Finance

Meeting 12th July 2019

The Panel spoke with Councillor Graham Turner, the Cabinet Member for the Corporate Portfolio about his priorities for the municipal year and discussed its Work Programme for the year. Consideration was also given to a position statement in respect of Kirklees Council's preparations associated with the UK leaving the European Union.

Outcomes:

- The Work Programme for 2019/20 was agreed subject to the addition of the Commercial Strategy to the schedule.
- The Panel were informed about the work being undertaken at both district and regional level to prepare for the impacts on Kirklees of the UK leaving the EU and recommended that the preparation work with looked after children should be extended to care leavers up the age of 25.
- Further information was requested in relation to the critical processes or systems within the Council that were dependent on EU partners and it was agreed that the mitigation of risk should be looked at as part of the Panel's financial monitoring work.

Monitoring Work

None this period

Looking Ahead

Potential agenda items for June to October:

- Financial Monitoring – Month 3 monitoring/emerging budget strategy/review of MTFP – headline assumptions/financial resilience/budget risk
- Leaving the EU preparations – Update
- Capital Plan

Immediately prior to the meeting scheduled for 20th September the Panel will be

undertaking an informal training session which will cover information in relation to the Council's expenditure (types of expenditure and amounts); its various income streams, including some details around factors affecting income such as Council Tax and Business rates income; levels of reserves; and the budget setting cycle. There will be reference to the national context including national factors affecting the budget process.

General Comments

The Panel looks forward to constructive discussion on a range of subjects with a continuing focus on a number of financial management issues, for the rest of the municipal year.