

## REPORT B

### Kirklees Council

#### Scrutiny Lead Member Report

Lead Member: Cllr Harpreet Uppal: Economy and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Panel

Period of Update : From June 2019 – August 2019

#### Panel Highlights

Lead Member briefings with:

- Strategic Director Economy and Infrastructure
- Greenspace Operational Manager
- Head of Development and Master Planning
- Head of Major Projects
- Service Director for Housing
- Head of IT
- Head of Culture and Tourism

#### Meeting 17th July 2019

The Panel received a report in relation to the Huddersfield Blueprint; the ten-year master plan for the Town Centre, which had been launched in June 2019. The report placed a particular focus engagement and consultation.

The Panel welcomed representatives of Kirklees Youth Council and a lengthy and wide ranging discussion took place which included; the importance of ease of travel to the town centre other than by private car; the need to ensure that the consultation was completely inclusive and involved those who did not currently use the town centre as well as those who did; the potential impact on other town centres in the district; and the environmental impact of the proposals.

The Panel also considered a position statement in relation to Kirklees preparations for the UK's withdrawal from the EU.

#### Outcomes:

- The Panel was able to contribute towards ensuring that the consultation/engagement process on the Huddersfield Blueprint is as robust and inclusive as possible. Members were also able to identify a number of important issues that they might wish to consider in relation to the master plan moving forward; they requested the provision of a range of additional detailed information from the Head of Development and Master Planning and proposed a focus on particular issues within future reports.
- The Panel gained an understanding of the work being undertaken at both district and regional level, to prepare for the impacts on Kirklees of the UK leaving the EU and the complexities of the prevailing situation.

#### Monitoring Work

None this period

### **Looking Ahead**

#### Potential agenda items for June to October:

- Playable Spaces Strategy
- Litter and Environmental Crime
- Waste Strategy
- Huddersfield Blueprint

At the meeting scheduled for 19th September the Panel will be looking at the background to, and purpose of the Playable Spaces Strategy and the associated engagement and consultation process.

### **General Comments**

The Panel has welcomed two additional co-optees this year to assist in its consideration of a diverse portfolio and looks forward to healthy and meaningful debate across a wide range of subjects.