



Members: Robert Wallace, Sophia Baker, Sandra Simpson, William Welsh, Mark Holland, David Loades, Ian Matthews, Ian Wilkes and Ken Owen

# **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ENTERPRISE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PLAN**

**Chair: Councillor David Stringer**  
**Vice Chair: Councillor Mrs Gill Williams**

**Portfolio Holder(s) covering the Committee's remit:**

**Councillor Terry Turner (Economic Regeneration, Business and Town Centres)**  
**Councillor John Williams (Planning and Assets)**

**Work Plan correct as at: Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2014**

**Remit:**

**Economic Development and Enterprise Scrutiny Committee is responsible for:**

- Building Control
- Design and Heritage Champion
- Economic Development
- External Regeneration Funding
- Housing and Homelessness
- Inward Investment/Marketing
- Land and Property (Asset Management)
- Local Enterprise Partnership
- Planning Policy and Development Control
- Transport Strategy and Policy (Planning)

Date of Meeting	Item	Reason for Undertaking
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> July 014 (agenda dispatch 20<sup>th</sup> June 2014)</b>	Superfast Broadband	Paul Chatwin to attend to advise on progress
	Town Centre Partnership Plans	To be given an update on the Newcastle and Kidsgrove Town Centre Partnership's Business Plans as agreed on the Action Plan (10.09.13)
	Ryecroft	To provide a written position statement on developments
	Newcastle Economic Development Strategy – Year Three Action Plan and Year Two Review	To receive feedback from the Cabinet meeting held on Wednesday 18 June 2014
	Work Plan and Scrutiny Topics for 2014/2015	To discuss the work plan and potential topics that Committee members would like to scrutinise over the forthcoming year
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> September 2014 (agenda dispatch 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2014)</b>	HS2 Working Party	Response to the Government consultation on High Speed Rail: Investing in Britain's Future – Consultation on the route from the West Midlands to Manchester, Leeds and beyond (HS2 Phase 2). Recommendations of the Working Group were submitted to Council on the 27 November 2013
	Newcastle Housing Advice Contract Progress	The service was contracted to Midland Heart from 1 April 2014, it is appropriate that Scrutiny consider the progress made in implementing the new service
	Housing Allocations Policy Review	The Council had a joint allocations policy with Aspire Housing, they have now implemented their own Policy and it is appropriate for Scrutiny to consider reviewing the Council's Policy and if to commence consultation on possible changes
	Local Enterprise Partnership Planning Charter	To provide an update on the proposals on the steps that were likely to be required to achieve Planning Charter Mark Status in 2013
	Newcastle Town Centre Partnership	That the Key Performance Indicators listed below are presented to the next Scrutiny meeting on Wednesday 3 September 2014:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Footfall monitoring</li> <li>• Property Vacancy Rate</li> <li>• Trading figures</li> </ul>
	Kidsgrove Town Centre Partnership	That a report is submitted by the Council's Board of representative for Kidsgrove Town Centre Partnership outlining progress to date on the projects discussed at Scrutiny on 2 July 2014

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<b>3<sup>rd</sup> September 2014</b> <b>(agenda dispatch</b> <b>22<sup>nd</sup> August 2014)</b> <b>Con t'd ...</b>	Town Centre Parking	The Council approved a range of car parking schemes in 2013 to support the economic development of the town centre. It is appropriate that Scrutiny considers progress in implementing these and makes recommendations to the October Cabinet on car parking concessions going forward
	Work Plan and Scrutiny Topics for 2014/2015	To discuss the work plan and potential topics that Committee members would like to scrutinise over the forthcoming year
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> December 2014</b> <b>(agenda dispatch</b> <b>21<sup>st</sup> November</b> <b>2014)</b>	Newcastle Town Centre Partnership	That the Key Performance Indicators listed below are presented to Scrutiny:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Footfall monitoring</li> <li>• Property Vacancy Rate</li> <li>• Trading Figures</li> </ul>
	Kidsgrove Town Centre Partnership	That the Chair of Kidsgrove Town Centre CIC be invited to discuss progress
	Review of Newcastle's of the World Alliance	As a member of the Newcastle's Alliance it is appropriate that the Council considers priorities for the forthcoming Business Plan and future membership
	Newcastle Housing Advice Contract Monitoring	The quarterly performance statistics are reported for information and any variances will be highlighted for consideration
	Joint Housing Allocations Policy Review	In September Scrutiny Members approved a review of the Joint Housing Allocations Policy. An update on the review progress and outline the main findings are to be reported for consideration
	Ryecroft Regeneration and Redevelopment Project	To provide a written position statement on developments
	Portfolio Holder Question Time	Councillor Terry Turner invited to attend. An opportunity for the Committee to question the Portfolio Holder on his priorities and work objectives for the next six months and an opportunity to address any issues or concerns that he may currently be facing. It is also an opportunity for the Portfolio Holder to flag up areas within his remit that may benefit from scrutiny in the future
	Work Plan and Scrutiny Topics for 2014/2015	To discuss the work plan and potential topics that Committee members would like to scrutinise over the forthcoming year

<b>18<sup>th</sup> March 2015 (agenda dispatch 6<sup>th</sup> March 2015)</b>	Newcastle Economic Development Strategy – Year Four Action Plan and Year Three Review	
	Newcastle Housing Advice Contract Progress	A representative from Midland Heart to be invited to provide an update on the service
	Newcastle Housing Advice Contract Monitoring	The quarterly performance statistics are reported for information and any variances will be highlighted for consideration
	Newcastle Housing Advice Service	The Head of Housing and Regeneration Services to provide quarterly monitoring statistics
	Housing Capital Programme	Each year the Council considers which housing schemes to allocate funding to, it is appropriate for Scrutiny to consider the draft proposals prior to Cabinet
	Work Plan and Scrutiny Topics for 2014/2015	To discuss the work plan and potential topics that Committee members would like to scrutinise over the forthcoming year
	Annual Work Plan	To receive outcomes and recommendations of the topics reported during the past twelve months

<b>Task and Finish Groups:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HS2</li> </ul>
<b>Future Task and Finish Groups:</b>	
<b>Suggestions for Potential Future Items:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Infrastructure Levy</li> <li>• Superfast Broadband (Paul Chatwin to be invited back to the first meeting of 2015)</li> </ul>

<b>DATES AND TIMES OF FUTURE MEETINGS:</b>	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September, 7.00pm in the Committee Room 2
	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2014, 7.00pm in the Committee Room 2
	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March 2015, 7.00pm in the Committee Room 2

<b>ADDITIONAL/JOINT MEETINGS:</b>	Joint meeting with Finance, Resources and Partnership Scrutiny <b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2014, 7.00pm, Council Chamber</b> to discuss the Asset Management Strategy
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	Joint meeting with Finance, Resources and Partnership Scrutiny to be arranged to discuss the Ryecroft Regeneration and Redevelopment Project
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<b>DATES AND TIMES OF CABINET MEETINGS:</b>	Wednesday 18 June 2014, 7.00pm, Committee Room 1
	Wednesday 23 July 2014, 7.00pm, Committee Room 1
	Wednesday 10 September 2014, 7.00pm, Committee Room 1
	Wednesday 15 October 2014, 7.00pm, Committee Room 1
	Wednesday 12 November 2014, 7.00pm, Committee Room 1
	Wednesday 14 January 2015, 7.00pm, Committee Room 1
	Wednesday 4 February 2015, 7.00pm, Committee Room 1 (BUDGET)
	Wednesday 25 March 2015, 7.00pm, Committee Room 1
	Wednesday 24 June 2015, 7.00pm, Committee Room 1