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Date of meeting Thursday, 18th June, 2026
Time 7.00 pm
Venue Astley Room - Castle
Contact Geoff Durham - 742222



**NEWCASTLE
UNDER LYME**
BOROUGH COUNCIL

Castle House
Barracks Road
Newcastle-under-Lyme
Staffordshire
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Economy and Place Scrutiny Committee

AGENDA

OPEN AGENDA

- 1 APOLOGIES
- 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
- 3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Pages 3 - 6)
To consider the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee.
- 4 NEWCASTLE TOWN DEAL (Pages 7 - 22)
- 5 KIDSGROVE TOWNDEAL (Pages 23 - 30)
- 6 PRIDE IN PLACE (Verbal Report)
- 7 WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 31 - 32)
- 8 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME
Any member of the public wishing to submit a question must serve two clear days' notice, in writing, of any such question to the Borough Council.
- 9 URGENT BUSINESS
To consider any business which is urgent within the meaning of Section 100B (4) of the Local Government Act 1972.

Members: Councillors Ashworth (Chair), Bettley-Smith, Chamberlain, Clarke, Evans, Fear, Harrison (Vice-Chair), Parker, Swain, Westcott and Wood

Members of the Council: If you identify any personal training/development requirements from any of the items included in this agenda or through issues raised during the meeting, please bring them to the attention of the Democratic Services Officer at the close of the meeting.

Meeting Quorum: The meeting quorum for Scrutiny Committees is 4 of the 11 members.

SUBSTITUTE MEMBER SCHEME (Section B5 – Rule 2 of Constitution)

The Constitution provides for the appointment of Substitute members to attend Committees. The named Substitutes for this meeting are listed below:-

Substitute Members: Sedgley Whitmore
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Agenda Item 3

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ECONOMY AND PLACE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Thursday, 19th March, 2026
Time of Commencement: 7.00 pm

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Present:	Councillor Andrew Parker (Chair)		
Councillors:	Bryan Casey-Hulme	Gorton Grocott	J Tagg
Apologies:	Councillor(s) Bettley-Smith, Burnett-Faulkner, Edgington-Plunkett and J Waring		
Substitutes:	Councillor Nicholas Crisp (In place of Mayor - Councillor Robert Bettley-Smith) Councillor Mark Holland (In place of Councillor Gillian Burnett - Faulkner) Councillor Simon Jones (In place of Councillor Jill Waring)		
Officers:	Allan Clarke Craig Jordan Simon McEneny	Planning Policy Manager Service Director - Planning Deputy Chief Executive	
Also in attendance:	Councillor Stephen Sweeney	Deputy Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder - Finance, Town Centres and Growth	

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received as listed above.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest stated.

3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on 15th December 2025 be agreed as a true and accurate record.

4. **NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME BOROUGH LOCAL PLAN 2040**

The Planning Policy Manager presented the update on the progress made in relation to the emerging Local Plan.

The Chair asked for clarification about the date the inspector's report would be brought to Full Council.

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The Deputy Chief Executive responded that it had be put on the Cabinet Forward Plan for June. The necessary decisions would be made by the new administration in place further to the elections.

Resolved: That the update on the progress of developing a new Local Plan for the Borough be noted.

[Watch the debate here](#)

5. TOWN DEAL AND FUTURE HIGH STREET FUNDS UPDATE

The Deputy Leader introduced the report on the projects enabled by the Town Deal and Future High Street Funds.

The Deputy Chief Executive updated members on pending works. The designs for Kidsgrove Train Station were notably being finalised ahead of their approval by the board.

Cllr Gorton commented on the evident work put into Astley Place and the progress made at the Midway car park – an ambitious project which he hoped would be successful being mindful of the risks associated with it.

The Deputy Chief Executive said that the crane had just arrived at Astley Place and the building would be watertight by June allowing for internal works to be carried out in view of an opening in January 2027. About the car park, scaffolding was now in place and a tower crane was expected to arrive on site in May. The completion would be due in May 2027.

The Deputy Leader reiterated his enthusiasm and confidence that the two projects would come off nicely.

Resolved: That the report on the delivery of the Town Deal and Future High Street Funds projects be noted.

[Watch the debate here](#)

6. WORK PROGRAMME

Resolved: That the work programme be noted.

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7. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions received from members of the public.

8. URGENT BUSINESS

There was no urgent business.

The Chair informed members that the Service Director for Planning would be leaving the Council and thanked him for his hard work over the years.

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The Service Director for Planning expressed his gratitude and said that he would be taking an early retirement after 36 years in local government. He had enjoyed both his experience and working with members.

**Councillor Andrew Parker
Chair**

Meeting concluded at 7.15 pm

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NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME BOROUGH COUNCIL

**CORPORATE LEADERSHIP TEAM'S
REPORT TO
ECONOMY AND PLACE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

18th June 2026

Report Title: Newcastle Town Deal Update

Submitted by: Deputy Chief Executive

Portfolios: Portfolio Holders - Finance, Town Centres and Growth

Ward(s) affected: All

<u>Purpose of the Report</u>	<u>Key Decision</u> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
To update Scrutiny Committee on the Newcastle Town Deal Fund projects and the three major regeneration projects currently underway in Newcastle.	
<u>Recommendation</u>	
That:-	
1. Scrutiny Committee notes this report on the delivery of the Newcastle Town Deal Funds projects and the three major town centre regeneration projects.	
<u>Reasons</u>	
To update the Scrutiny Committee on the progress with the various projects that are being funded or part funded through the Newcastle Town Deal as well as the three Town Centre regeneration projects.	

1. Background

1.1 As reported to previous Scrutiny meetings, the Council has secured Future High Street Funding and Town Deal Funds for the redevelopment of several key regeneration sites across the Town Centre and the wider Borough.

2. Updates

2.1 Town Centre Regeneration Projects

The current position regarding the three major regeneration projects is as follows:

2.1.1 Astley Place

Capital&Centric and their contractor AC1 commenced works (November 2025) with the development due to be completed in January 2027 (13 month build period).

Works are ongoing with external facade works, internal courtyard landscaping and internal wall placements progressing at speed.



Merriel Street Elevation – external facade works



Internal Courtyard – levelling of area for landscaping



Internal Courtyard Area and internal facing elevations



Internal wall fit out for apartments

RyePark

2.1.2 McCarthy and Stone Residential Development

It is now anticipated that the works will commence in the summer of 2026 with completion in late 2027 to coincide with the adjacent Capital&Centric works.



2.1.3 Capital &Centric Ryepark Development

Capital&Centric have now appointed Henry Boot to undertake the Ryepark constructions works. Site clearance and ground works commenced in November 2025 and completion is expected in early 2028 (27 month build period). Drainage and foundation preparation works are currently underway.



Aspire Town Houses – frames and roofing underway



Central Apartment Block framing and foundations underway

2.2 Newcastle Town Deal

2.2.1 Karparc

As with the previous schemes noted above Capital&Centric have appointed Clegg Construction to undertake the works to this development. Works started in early November and will be completed by the summer of 2027 (18 month build period). Works underway include the continuation of the concrete 'cut-out' works, preparation for new lift and stairwells and external facade steelworks.

During excavation of the attenuation tank (for stormwater fall off) in the basement of the building human remains were found. The police were notified and investigations into them was undertaken. The coroner and the police both concluded that the remains are of sufficient age that any 'foul play' can be ruled out and that the site can be handed back to the contractor. Procurement of an archaeologist consultant is underway to begin the planning and licence process for the excavation to begin and a plan put in place should any further remains be found.



New Entrance created at undercroft with Boots / Roebuck



New Balustrade punch outs for apartment balcony



New Atrium along central spine of the development to create 'lightwell'

2.2.2 Digital Society

Project allocation £3,510,000 spend/committed £3,510,000

Spend relates to creation of Keele in Town which has proved a popular space for both community and learning uses. Grant funding agreement in place with Keele University for this project. Project substantially complete. One minor claim remaining for acoustic work that needed to be assessed and undertaken once the venue was open and in use, for which the final claim is scheduled for June 2026.



2.2.3 EV charging points

Project allocation £400,000 spend £400,000. Project complete, EV chargers installed at Castle Car Park.



2.2.4 Knutton and Chesterton

Knutton

Aspire have completed works on the residential development at High Street.

Works on the former community centre site development by Aspire commenced with ground works in October 2025 and continue at pace.

The extension to the Enterprise Centre Is now complete and has its connection to a sub-station now so the units can be occupied from the end of July



New Village Hall

The plans for a village hall have been adapted to incorporate new enterprise units with a community facility available for hire within the structure / development. The scope of the works has altered as no community group was identified to operate the new facility. The scheme is being priced up in order to give an indication to the Town Deal Board for its consideration later in the year.

A prospective tenant has been found for the facility and Heads of Terms have been exchanged for legal agreements to be worked up. Planning will need to be sought for the changes to the building as noted above, now that a tenant is being secured.

Cross Street Chesterton

The Town Deal funding agreement was to support the developer Keon Homes to develop homes on the site. Phased handovers commenced in late 2025 and this Phase completed fully in June 2026.



Countryside have begun work on their development of 39no social rented apartments and bungalows for over 55's, and is expected to be completed by November 2026.

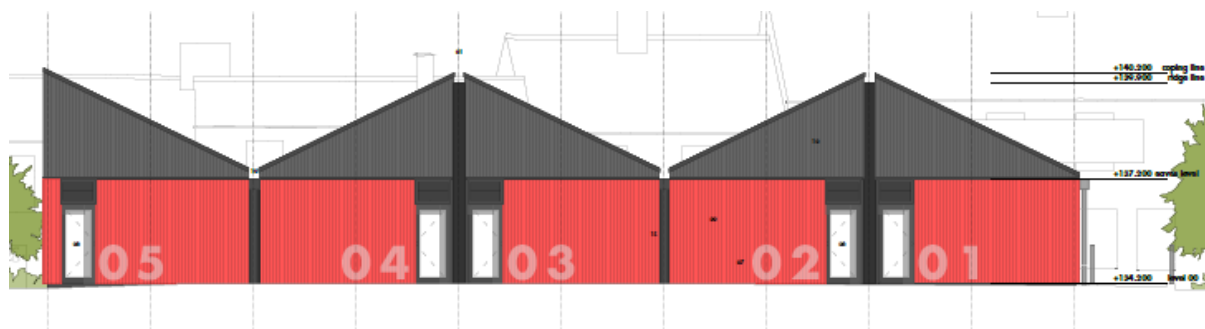


2.2.5 Key Gateway Sites / Zanzibar Enterprise Units

The Town Deal contribution to land remediation at the Midway, is now complete.

At Zanzibar, Town Deal monies are contributing towards land remediation at the site to enable its redevelopment by Aspire Housing, which is now progressing..

It is also enabling the Council to build 5 small enterprise units on the North Street elevation, for which the land purchase agreement and development contracts are at final negotiation stage with Aspire Housing. It is hoped that completion will be in late 2026.



2.2.6 Walking and Cycling Provision

Town Deal funding has enabled installation of a new pedestrian crossing at Gallowstree Roundabout and improvement to the pedestrian and cycle crossing at Barracks Road.

Staffordshire County Council has funding allocated for a cycle lane on Hassell Street which they are expecting to deliver in 2027/28.

2.2.7 Sustainable Travel

The sustainable transport allocation has funded a range of activities to improve public transport facilities in Newcastle, including

- Installation of Real Time Passenger Information points at key locations and bus stops in the Newcastle urban area by Staffordshire County Council – complete.
- Introduction of the K bus service in partnership with Staffordshire County Council – Town Deal element complete
- New bus entrance at Keele University to enable buses to take a more efficient route around campus and on to external bus stops. It is hoped that the works will be completed later this year, subject to legal agreements required between Keele University, Staffordshire County Council and the legal entity (KRF) responsible for land at Keele University.
- Town centre wayfinding, A supplier is in the process of being appointed with the works to update the pedestrian signage around Newcastle town centre scheduled for completion this year.
- Refurbishment of Newcastle Bus Station, for which a planning application is imminent. This project is being delivered directly by the Council, in cooperation with Staffordshire County Council with the design by Tarpey Woodfine architects.

These last two items are expected to take up the remainder of the Sustainable Transport allocation.

2.2.8 Digital infrastructure

Roll out of a fibre network connecting Council owned sites that is facilitating delivery of five years of free managed wi-fi to 15 community venues and the commercial delivery of connections within business parks. The project is also delivering savings to the Council's connection costs.

ITS Technology Group Ltd was contracted to deliver the fibre network, which is now substantially complete. KD there are outstanding issues at three community sites where difficulties were encountered.

A supplier for the community venue managed WiFi service is in the process of being appointed, with installation of the WiFi scheduled for completion in 20206.

Next steps in the delivery of this project is consideration of connection to the remaining business parks in the Newcastle Town Deal area that have not been captured by the current fibre route. This is subject to finding a compliant means of delivery.

2.2.9. Philip Astley Centre

Phase 1 of the project was to refurbish a building at Merrial Street for the Philip Astley Centre, which has recently celebrated its second anniversary of being open to the public.

Phase 2 delivery is indicatively allocated to creation of a community music venue at Astley Place (currently under construction). This is subject to approval of a proposal from Capital & Centric for the running of the venue.

3. Recommendation

- 3.1 Scrutiny Committee notes the progress made to date and continues to receive further reports at subsequent meetings.

4. Reasons

- 4.1 To continue to update Scrutiny Committee on the progress and issues surrounding the Town Deal Fund projects and the three major Town Centre regeneration projects.

5. Options Considered

- 5.1 Not applicable – all Cabinet reports on each of the above projects detail the options that were considered in more detail.

6. Legal and Statutory Implications

- 6.1 The Local Government Act 2000 - powers to promote the economic, social and environmental wellbeing of the Borough.
- 6.2 The Council will need to make sure that its activities are legally and state aid compliant, including having regard to the Public Sector Duty within the Equality Act 2010, statutory guidance on local authority investments and The Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities.
- 6.3 All projects will be examined to ensure that they are within the Council's powers and legal implications will be identified on a case-by-case basis.

7. Equality Impact Assessment

7.1 The development of these projects does not create any specific equality impacts.

8. Financial and Resource Implications

8.1 £23.6m was awarded to the Council via the Town Deals Fund for Newcastle to enable a vision to improve communications, infrastructure, and connectivity in Newcastle-under-Lyme to become a reality. All £23.6m has been received, of which £18.4m has been spent as shown below:

Project	Funding allocation	Committed (grant agreement signed or order placed)	Indicative allocation not yet contracted	Balance remaining
SMART Newcastle (Digital Infrastructure)	£2,285,000.00	£1,821,384.00	£254,363	£209,253.00
Sustainable Public Transport Solutions	£3,421,000.00	£1,621,163.00	£1,799,837.00	£0.00
Electric Vehicle Charging Points (complete)	£400,000.00	£400,000.00	£0	£0.00
Town Centre Pedestrian Cycle Permeability (complete)	£950,000.00	£950,000.00	£0.00	£0.00
Transform Key Gateway Sites	£3,810,000.00	£2,693,000.00	£1,117,000.00	£0.00
Astley Centre for Circus (complete)	£651,064.00	£651,064.00	£0.00	£0.00
Astley Place	£1,158,936.00	£0.00	£1,000,000.00	£158,936.00
Digital Society	£3,510,000.00	£3,510,000.00	£0.00	£0.00
Putting Heart into Knutton Village	£3,534,000.00	£3,011,734.00	£522,266.00	£0.00
Cross Street, Chesterton	£2,955,000.00	£2,955,000.00	£0.00	£0.00
Project Management	£925,000.00	£840,772.00	£55,881.00	£28,347.00
	£23,600,000.00	£18,454,117.00	£4,749,347.00	£396,536.00

9. Major Risks & Mitigation

9.1 Management of risk is central to the Council's commercial approach and all potential activities will be assessed with due regard to the risks being taken. This will be in line with the Council's corporate approach to risk management.

10. UN Sustainable Development Goals (UNSDG)

10.1 These projects support the realisation of the following UNSDG objectives:-



11. One Council

Please confirm that consideration has been given to the following programmes of work:

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12. Key Decision Information

12.1 Not applicable

13. Earlier Cabinet/Committee Resolutions

13.1 None.

14. List of Appendices

14.1 None.

15. Background Papers

15.1 None.

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NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME BOROUGH COUNCIL

**CORPORATE LEADERSHIP TEAM'S
REPORT TO
ECONOMY AND PLACE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

18th June 2026

Report Title: Kidsgrove Town Deal Update

Submitted by: Deputy Chief Executive

Portfolios: Portfolio Holders - Finance, Town Centres and Growth

Ward(s) affected: All

<u>Purpose of the Report</u>	<u>Key Decision</u> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
To update Scrutiny Committee on the Kidsgrove Town Deal Fund projects currently underway.	
<u>Recommendation</u>	
That:-	
1. Scrutiny Committee notes this report on the delivery of the Kidsgrove Town Deal Funds projects	
<u>Reasons</u>	
To update the Scrutiny Committee on the progress with the various projects that are being funded or part funded through the Kidsgrove Town Deal.	

1. Background

1.1 As reported to previous Scrutiny meetings, the Council has secured Future High Street Funding and Town Deal Funds for the redevelopment of several key regeneration sites across the Town Centre and the wider Borough including Kidsgrove.

2. Updates

2.1 Kidsgrove Town Deal

2.1.1 Chatterley Valley

This was a contribution to essential infrastructure works to release development land at Chatterley Valley, working with Staffordshire County Council and developer, Harworth to bring this long-term vacant site into use for employment.

Town Deal element complete and Harworth, are due to commence the construction of the first ‘shed’ shortly.



2.1.2 Kidsgrove Train Station works

The previously reported issue with the costs of car park underpinning due to mine works underground have now been resolved and the Town Deal Board have agreed a revised scope of works to develop the station with a refurbishment to the existing buildings and car park works outside the area that has been indicated for underground mine remediation or the ‘underpinning zone’. Design and costing works for the development are now underway. East Midlands Railway are leading the project, which requires approval by Network Rail. Works are expected to take place in 2027.





Proposed refurbishment at Kidsgrove Station

The works have been reduced in size to not include the vacant space to the right of the entrance bridge to the station car park due to the extent and unknown costs of ground remediation in this area.

2.1.3 Canal Pathways

Led by the Canal & River Trust, the aim was to improve the walking and cycle route through Kiddsgrove by improving the tow path from the lock adjacent to the Bluebell Pub through to the Harecastle Tunnel north tunnel entrance. Through resurfacing and stabilising the tow path, installation of solar lighting, vegetation management and new wayfinding signage. It has also renewed access points to the railway station and resurfaced the driveway to the tunnel entrance (from Fourth Avenue) to enable safe access by pedestrians and emergency vehicles.

Ongoing works include restoration work at the old Harecastle Tunnel entrance. Installation of interpretation boards, and safety improvement to the canal crossing at the tunnel entrance.

An extension to the scope, that was agreed by the Kiddsgrove Town Deal Board, to enable improvements to a Public Right of Way on a path connecting the canal towpath with a nearby residential area is now complete.



Works at Harecastle Tunnel

2.1.4 Shared Service Hub

The original project allocation was £6,183,000, covering delivery of the shared service hub alongside highways any public realm improvements. Following issues around deliverability of the original Shared Service Hub scheme following the covid pandemic, the Town Deal Board resolved to split the project out into separate elements, which are reported on below.

- Community Hub

A revised project led by the Kings Academy Trust using land adjacent to Fifth Avenue. This is to deliver community services alongside relocation of the training bistro operated by the Kings Academy. Project progress is subject to production of a sustainable business model demonstrating that the community hub can be sustained – this is still under development.

- Public Realm

A range of activities to improve the public realm in areas of Kidsgrove to improve the overall appearance and function of the town centre. Including:

- Improvements to the Greenway between Aldi & Tesco. – complete
- Refurbishment of Heathcote Street toilets – complete
- Road improvement at the Town Hall – complete
- Improvements to the public realm at Kings Street – out to tender
- Car park improvements at Heathcote Street – to be tendered in June.

- Improvements to the area outside the Library/Job Centre/ ex-Post Office unit. (Proposed but not progressed as this is proposed for delivery as phase 3 of the public realm works, subject to budget availability).



Artist impression new public realm, King Street (Hewitt & Carr Architects)

- Enterprise Units

Development of three small enterprise units at Meadows Road alongside improvements to the car park to provide 16 parking spaces that are prioritised for short term use. Project currently on-site with Bailey Construction (Derby) Ltd appointed as contractor. The units are scheduled for completion in December 2026. Enquiries have already been received regarding the units.



Artist impression Meadows Road Enterprise Units (Hewitt & Carr Architects)

- Footpaths

An allocation was made to improve footpaths connecting the canal to the surrounding area. However, following this, very little work was required as the majority was undertaken as a part of the canal improvement project. (the driveway element referenced in section 2.1.3). Staffordshire County Council were able to improve a public right of way from the canal to Third Avenue.

The Town Deal Board agreed that unallocated funding could be prioritised for formation of a footpath connecting the community hub at Fifth Avenue to the footpath at Third Avenue, this is subject to the community hub progressing.

- Highways

Completion of improvements works:

- To make Market Street one-way in the direction of Heathcote Street, provide an accessible pedestrian crossing point and provide a section of short-term parking in front of the shops and a loading bay to support the pub and laundrette. To deliver a long-standing community with addressing issues in the Market Street area.
- To make Meadows Road / Station Road one-way from the A50 in the direction of The Avenue, installation of a bus stop for rail replacement services, installation of bollards adjacent to the library to prevent parking on the pavement. To address local issues on traffic congestion and unsafe parking in this area.

To date, Staffordshire County Council has completed the design phase and Traffic Regulation Order consultation process.. Works are scheduled to commence in mid July 2026 and finish by the end of September 2026.

3. Recommendation

- 3.1 Scrutiny Committee notes the progress made to date and continues to receive further reports at subsequent meetings.

4. Reasons

- 4.1 To continue to update Scrutiny Committee on the progress and issues surrounding the Kidsgrove Town Deal Fund projects.

5. Options Considered

- 5.1 Not applicable – all Cabinet reports on each of the above projects detail the options that were considered in more detail.

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7. Equality Impact Assessment

7.1 The development of these projects does not create any specific equality impacts.

8. Financial and Resource Implications

8.1 £16.9m has also been awarded via the Town Deals fund for Kidsgrove to enable real and lasting economic benefits to be realised in Kidsgrove and the surrounding area. To date £15.7m has been received of which £8.0m has been spent as shown below:

Project	Funding allocation	spent to date	further committed	indicative allocation not yet contracted	Balance remaining
Kidsgrove Sports Centre (complete)	£2,328,000.00	£2,328,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	0
Chatterley Valley (complete)	£3,496,000.00	£3,496,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	0
Kidsgrove Station	£3,638,000.00	£389,355.00	£2,414,520.00	£834,125.00	£0.00
Shared Services Hub (original project)	£183,000.00	£105,612.00	£25,216.00	£0.00	£52,172.00
community hub	£1,500,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,500,000.00	£0.00
public realm	£1,800,000.00	£271,703.00	£0.00	£1,428,297.00	£100,000.00
enterprise units	£1,500,000.00	£1,053,715.00	£0.00	£446,285.00	£0.00
footpaths	£200,000.00	£8,150.00	£0.00	£191,850.00	£0.00
Highways	£1,000,000.00	£133,680.00	£0.00	£866,320.00	£0.00
Canal Enhancement	£420,000.00	£354,900.00	£65,100.00	£0.00	£0.00
Project Management	£835,000.00	£806,528.00	£0.00	£0.00	£28,472.00
	£16,900,000.00	£8,947,643.00	£2,504,836.00	£5,266,877.00	£180,644.00

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12. Key Decision Information

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ECONOMY AND PLACE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Work Programme 2026-27



Chair

Cllr Martyn Ashworth

Vice-Chair

Cllr Patricia Harrison

Members

Cllrs Robert Bettley-Smith, Jon Chamberlain, Charlie Clarke, Gary Evans, Andy Fear, Andrew Parker, Finn Swain, Paul Wood and Olivia Wozny

Scrutiny Champion

Simon McEneny

This committee scrutinises how the council influences, affects and interacts with the natural and built environment. It also scrutinises how the council influences, affects and interacts with the local, regional and national economy.

This Work Programme is set and reviewed at quarterly meetings of the Scrutiny Management Group. The Chair and Vice Chair also meet regularly with the Portfolio Holders to discuss this Work Programme. There is an opportunity for committee Members to discuss the Work Programme at each committee meeting. Part D of the Council's [Constitution](#) governs the scrutiny process.

For more information on the Committee or its work Programme please contact the Democratic Services:

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Planned Items

DATE OF MEETING	ITEM	NOTES
18 th June 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newcastle Town Deal • Kidsgrove Town Deal • Pride in Place 	Officer: Simon McEneny Officer: Simon McEneny
24 th September 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Plan Update • Newcastle Town Deal • Kidsgrove Town Deal 	Officer: Allan Clarke Officer: Simon McEneny Officer: Simon McEneny
17 th December 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Plan Update • Newcastle Town Deal • Kidsgrove Town Deal 	Officer: Allan Clarke Officer: Simon McEneny Officer: Simon McEneny

Future Items

Car Parking Strategy

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DATE OF MEETING	ITEM	NOTES

Last updated on 2nd June 2026