

Report to Full Council from the Chair of the Economic Development and Enterprise Scrutiny Committee

The committee met on the 21st June 2017. There were two main items of business:

1. Economic Development strategy

The Regeneration and Economic Development Manager presented this item and set out a synopsis of the Economic Development Strategy 2017-2022 for review by members of the Scrutiny Committee.

One of the themes for the strategy was “inclusive Growth” the aim of which was to help ensure that all members of the community were taken notice of within the plans. Continuing, the officer explained how the strategy was aligned to other economic development strategies in the business development arena and in this respect highlighted the success of the Newcastle based Business Boost initiative.

It was agreed that the Chair along with two other Councillors would work together as a sub group to develop the strategy, taking into account input received from members.

2. Work plan

The Chair asked for members suggestions regarding items for inclusion in the work programme.

It was agreed that the Homelessness Strategy and the Economic Development Strategy be discussed at the September meeting of the committee.

Other items that would be included on the work plan:

- District deal- This is one of the key drivers of economic development within the Borough.
- Development and future use of land associated with the Ryecroft development.
- Economic performance and business growth within the Borough.

Mark Olszewski- 8th July 2017