

Economy and Regeneration **Work Programme 2016-2017**

Terms of Reference of the Committee

To fulfil all the functions of an Overview and Scrutiny Committee as they relate to:-

- The review, scrutiny and development of policy recommendations
- The management of performance
- The monitoring of progress against corporate priorities
- The formulation of advice for the Cabinet, Council and other partners and stakeholders

To have specific responsibility for (but not limited to) the scrutiny of:-

- The performance of services promoting economic development and enterprise and environmental sustainability against agreed local and national performance indicators
- Regeneration
- Economic and Cultural development
- One Swindon Hub
- Localities
- Volunteering
- Strategy and Research

Review of the Work Programme

The work programme will be reviewed at every meeting of the Growing the Economy Overview & Scrutiny Committee to ensure that it remains relevant, to ensure that Members and Officers have sufficient capacity to deliver the work programme and to include any additional items on the work programme, if appropriate.

To assist members in developing the Committee's work programme, a copy of the current Cabinet Work Programme and Forward Plan, for the period 20th May 2016 to 20th May 2017, is attached at Appendix 2

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Work Programme Items Assigned to Meeting Dates

29th June 2016		
Item	Objectives	Witnesses
Economic Strategy	To consider the key elements of the Strategy and for Members to review how they wish the Strategy to evolve over the next 12 months.	Andy Evans – Interim Head of Economy, Skills and Property Development Sally Burnett – Commissioner – Routes to Employment

21st September 2016		
Item	Objectives	Witnesses
Update On the LEP	To receive an update on the LEP	Andy Evans – Interim Head of Economy, Skills and Property Development

30th November 2016		
Item	Objectives	Witnesses

1st February 2017		
Item	Objectives	Witnesses

22nd March 2017		
Item	Objectives	Witnesses

Items from the Economy and Regeneration O/S Work Programme 2015/16

Summer 2016 – To be agreed		
Item	Objectives	Witnesses
Local Plan Workshop style event	To consider / discuss in more detail the potential Policy implications of the Local Plan for the Town centre.	David Dewart, Planning Manager

Date to be agreed		
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Devolution in Local Government	To consider updates on the latest information in relation to devolution bids received by Government when available.	

Suggested Items from Members of the Growing the Economy O/S Committee

Date to be agreed		
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GWR Carriage Works	To explore the Progress made on the regeneration of the Works. In particular the creation of a hi-tech incubator hub Suggested by Cllr Malcolm Davies	
North Star Leisure Redevelopment	To consider the progress in delivering the leisure redevelopment at North Star including the improvements of the town centre links to North Star Suggested by Cllr Malcolm Davies	

Date to be agreed		
Forward Swindon	<p>An overview of the role of Forward Swindon, the links with the Council and the success of projects</p> <p>Suggested by Cllr Malcolm Davies</p>	
Impact of Regeneration Plans	<p>To review the impact of the regeneration plans for the following areas as a result of the Whalebridge junction and proposed Kimmerfields/bus station redevelopment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crombey Street • Curtis Street • New Regents Circus <p>Suggested by Cllr Gary Sumner</p>	
Redevelopment Strategies	<p>The steps being taken within Regents Street, Bridge Street to encourage or consider redevelopment strategies and the impact Forward Swindon is having on this.</p> <p>suggested by Cllr Gary Sumner</p>	
Business Development	<p>To consider how Swindon attracts and retains business – small, medium, large, national & multi-national</p> <p>Suggested by Cllr Cathy Martyn – Chair</p>	
Business Infrastructure	<p>To consider if Swindon provides the necessary means for business to flourish, in particular - parking, office space, traffic flows and housing?</p> <p>Suggested by Cllr Cathy Martyn – Chair</p>	

Date to be agreed		
<p>Securing a sustainable future for Swindon's cultural assets</p> <p>Update on Trust bid for Art Gallery & Museum</p> <p>Effect of change of senior personnel leading/ with responsibility for the project</p>	<p>To be considered by Cabinet on 7th September 2016</p> <p>Suggested by Cllr Cathy Martyn - Chair</p>	<p>Board Director Resources or Rachel Watts</p>
<p>Regeneration Opportunities at Cheney Manor Employment Area</p>	<p>Considered by Cabinet on 16th June 2016</p> <p>Suggested by Cllr Cathy Martyn – Chair</p>	<p>Rob Richards – Head of Property Assets</p>
<p>Regeneration of the Town Centre</p>	<p>Proposed Working Party to review the regeneration of the town centre in particular vacant shops & potential CPOs esp 1-3 Faringdon Road.</p> <p>Suggested by Cllr Cathy Martyn – Chair</p>	
<p>Refurbishment of Office Space</p>	<p>To consider the refurbishment of office space by Forward Swindon in the Railway Quarter and the Network Rail refurbishment of the station building.</p> <p>Suggested by Cllr Cathy Martyn – Chair</p>	
<p>Kimmerfields</p>	<p>To receive an update on Kimmerfields, including Government funding for new bus station & levelling of land.</p> <p>Also, how to attract a leaseholder for office space to attract funding to develop the site with 450 residential units and office space</p> <p>Suggested by Cllr Cathy Martyn – Chair</p>	

Date to be agreed		
Apprenticeships:	<p>Proposed Working Party to consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to boost the number of apprenticeships on offer. • How to encourage more companies to offer apprenticeships • How best to tie in with schools & colleges to encourage take-up of apps <p>Suggested by Cllr Cathy Martyn – Chair</p>	
University for Swindon	<p>Proposed Working Party to consider how a university could be attracted to Swindon.</p> <p>Suggested by Cllr Cathy Martyn – Chair</p>	