

## **Growing the Economy** **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 20<sup>th</sup> May 2016 to 20<sup>th</sup> May 2017, is attached at Appendix 2

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## Work Programme Items Assigned to Meeting Dates

29 <sup>th</sup> 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

21 <sup>st</sup> September 2016		
Item	Objectives	Witnesses
Forward Swindon Ltd	<p>Update on town centre regeneration including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Parking Strategy</li> <li>○ Carriageworks</li> <li>○ Re-development of the station by Network Rail</li> <li>○ Movement Strategy including gateways into the town centre and Whalebridge</li> <li>○ Fusion of retail, residential and night-time economy</li> <li>○ How other towns overcome constraints &amp; difficulties to regenerate their town centres</li> <li>○ Forward Swindon Limited's 5 focus areas, monitoring delivery &amp; progress, ensuring the correct skill sets, monitoring progress and value for money</li> <li>○ Locarno</li> </ul>	Deb Heenan (Forward Swindon Limited)

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 1-3 Faringdon Road, monitoring delivery &amp; progress and ensuring a profit</li> <li>○ North Star</li> </ul>	
European Referendum (EU) - Review of Local Business Opinion following the decision to leave the EU	<p>Motion agreed by Council on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2016:</p> <p>To set up a Task Group to review local business opinion of Swindon's best interests in relation to trade and jobs from Britain's terms of exit from the European Union.</p> <p>Report on findings to be submitted to the Cabinet.</p>	Potential Task Group
	<p>Request by Resources and Corporate O/S Committee for a joint Task Group about ..</p> <p>Request for Growing the Economy members to express an interest in being part of this Task Group.</p>	

<b>30<sup>th</sup> November 2016</b>		
<b>Item</b>	<b>Objectives</b>	<b>Witnesses</b>
Swindon and Wiltshire Local Enterprise Partnership	To receive an update	Paddy Bradley
Draft Economic Strategy	To consider the draft Economic Strategy	Andy Evans – Interim Head of Economy, Regeneration and Skills
Business Rates: A Sustainable Approach	To receive a report on short term income and longer term sustainability.	Andy Evans – Interim Head of Economy, Regeneration and Skills

<b>1<sup>st</sup> February 2017</b>		
<b>Item</b>	<b>Objectives</b>	<b>Witnesses</b>
Attracting a University to Swindon	To consider an update on the process of attracting a University to Swindon along with timescales.	
Apprenticeships and Higher Education	To consider how the Council encourages companies to provide meaningful apprenticeships resulting in jobs and how the Council engages with sixth form colleges.	

<b>22<sup>nd</sup> March 2017</b>		
<b>Item</b>	<b>Objectives</b>	<b>Witnesses</b>
Swindon Museum and Art Gallery	To receive an update on progress.	Hadrian Ellory-van Dekker - Director of SMAG Trust

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

<b>Summer 2016 – To be agreed</b>		
<b>Item</b>	<b>Objectives</b>	<b>Witnesses</b>
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

<b>Date to be agreed</b>		
<b>Item</b>	<b>Objectives</b>	<b>Witnesses</b>
Devolution in Local Government	To consider updates on the latest information in relation to devolution bids received by Government when available.	