

Growing the Economy **Work Programme 2017-2018**

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 against agreed local and national performance indicators
- Regeneration
- Economic and Cultural development
- One Swindon Hub
- 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 30th May 2017 to 30th May 2018, is attached at Appendix 2

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Work Programme Items Assigned to Meeting Dates

21st June 2017		
Item	Objectives	Witnesses
Work Programme	To consider the draft Work Programme for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for 2017/18	Andy Evans – Corporate Director of Economy, Regeneration and Skills
Economic Strategy	To receive an update on the draft Economic Strategy, and progress of the public consultation which commenced on 12 th June 2017. Information about the consultation can be found at this link .	Andy Evans – Corporate Director of Economy, Regeneration and Skills Sally Burnett – Strategic Commissioner – Routes to Employment
Business Rates Task Group	To consider establishing a Joint Business Rates Task Group with the Resources and Corporate Services O/S Committee to investigate how additional Council income could be generated from business rates.	

27th September 2017		
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Town Centre Regeneration	<p>To receive updates on the Following Town Centre Regeneration Projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swindon Museum and Art Gallery • Parking Strategy • Carriageworks • Re-development of the station by 	<p>Susie Kemp – Corporate Director Resources and Transformation</p> <p>Rod Hebden - Director of SMAG Trust</p>

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	<p>Network Rail</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Movement Strategy including gateways into the town centre and Whalebridge • Fusion of retail, residential and night-time economy • How other towns overcome constraints & difficulties to regenerate their town centres • Forward Swindon Limited's 5 focus areas, monitoring delivery & progress, ensuring the correct skill sets, monitoring progress and value for money • Locarno • 1-3 Faringdon Road, monitoring delivery & progress and ensuring a profit • North Star • Kimmerfields 	Deb Heenan (Forward Swindon Limited)
Business Rates	Update on the latest position from the Government.	Susie Kemp – Corporate Director Resources and Transformation

Late November 2017 – Cancelled		
Item	Objectives	Witnesses
Invite to Swindon businesses	To be agreed	Susie Kemp – Corporate Director Resources and Transformation
Business Rates	Update on the latest position from the Government.	Susie Kemp – Corporate Director Resources and Transformation

31st January 2018		
Item	Objectives	Witnesses
Apprenticeships, Higher Education and Skills	<p>To consider:</p> <p>(1) How the council is ensuring that more residents are able to progress to Higher Education and work to date to secure local University provision.</p> <p>(2) How the Council encourages companies to provide meaningful apprenticeships resulting in jobs and how the Council engages with sixth form colleges.</p>	<p>Susie Kemp – Corporate Director Resources and Transformation</p> <p>Sally Burnett - Strategic Commissioner – Routes to Employment</p>
Business West Meetings	To receive feedback on business meetings organised by Business West.	Philippa Venables – Project Manager, Economy and Skills
Business Rates	Update on the latest position from the Government.	Susie Kemp – Corporate Director Resources and Transformation

6th March 2018		
Item	Objectives	Witnesses
Employment Land	To be agreed	Cllr Toby Elliott
Business Rates	Update on the latest position from the Government.	Susie Kemp – Corporate Director Resources and Transformation

Visits to Neighbouring Towns and Cities

The Committee also suggested that they would like to undertake a field trip to neighbouring towns and cities to view recent developments, the impact on the local economy and to consider how to encourage similar developments in Swindon. Initial suggestions included Cribbs Causeway in Bristol and the Docks in Gloucester. The Committee would need to consider the field trip in more detail and consider appropriate venues to visit and the outcomes/recommendations they would be looking for, following the visits.