
Report to: Economy Scrutiny Committee

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Subject: **Economy Scrutiny Work Programme 2021/22**

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1. Purpose of this report

- 1.1 To note the Economy Scrutiny Work Programme for 2021/22.
- 1.2 To consider any additional agenda items, formal referrals to scrutiny, reviews, call in, and any other tasks, issues or matters the Committee resolves to undertake or consider further.

2. Information

Scrutiny Work Programme

- 2.1 The Work Programme outlines the work the Committee has resolved to undertake, investigate further and focus on in the current municipal year (June 2021 – June 2022) within the resources, remit and powers available to it.
- 2.2 The work programme is set at the beginning of the year and, as a live document, is considered at each meeting where it can be amended and changed as the year progresses.

Referrals to scrutiny

- 2.3 Under Scrutiny Standing Order 7, any Scrutiny Member, any Combined Authority Member or any elected Member of a West Yorkshire council (or the City of York Council) may formally refer a matter to the Committee for consideration. The referral must be in writing to the Statutory Scrutiny Officer. The Committee must then consider and discuss the referral and respond to the referrer explaining whether or not it will consider the matter further and why.
- 2.4 There are no formal referrals for this committee to consider.

Agenda items and topics for consideration 2021/22

- 2.5 At the first committee meeting of the year in September, members considered the Combined Authority's corporate priorities and plan alongside the Mayor's Pledges and, following further questions and discussions with senior officers, discussed a number of possible topics and items to consider further this year.
- 2.6 The resultant work programme was adopted at the previous meeting in November and is attached at **Appendix 1**. The document also includes the topics to be considered by the other two scrutiny committees so that scrutiny members are always aware of what work the other scrutiny committees are undertaking.

Key decisions and call in

- 2.7 Scrutiny members may call in any decision of the Mayor, Combined Authority, a decision-making committee and any key decisions taken by an officer (with the exception of urgent decisions). Key decisions are defined as any decision incurring a financial cost or saving of £1 million or more, or a decision likely to have a significant effect on two or more wards.
- 2.8 Decision-makers have two days to publish notice of a decision, at which point scrutiny members have five working days to call in the decision, delaying its implementation, and formally requiring the decision maker to reconsider.
- 2.9 Any five scrutiny members – including at least one member from two different constituent councils (West Yorkshire) – may call-in a decision by notifying the Statutory Scrutiny Officer in writing by 4.00 pm on the fifth working day following publication of a decision notice. The relevant scrutiny committee then has 14 days to meet and scrutinise the decision and make any recommendations. Further information is set out in Scrutiny Standing Order 14.
- 2.10 The latest key decisions and forward plans of key decisions are published and available for viewing on the [key decisions section of the Combined Authority's website](#).

Actions for the Statutory Scrutiny Officer

- 2.11 As outlined in Scrutiny Standing Order 17, the statutory scrutiny officer provides support to a scrutiny committee's work programme and all scrutiny members in exercising their scrutiny duties and fulfilling their objectives.

Changes in membership since the last meeting

- 2.12 Since the last meeting, no changes in membership have occurred.

3. Tackling the Climate Emergency Implications

3.1 There are no climate emergency implications directly arising from this report.

4. Inclusive Growth Implications

4.1 There are no inclusive growth implications directly arising from this report.

5. Equality and Diversity Implications

5.1 There are no equality and diversity implications directly arising from this report.

6. Financial Implications

6.1 There are no financial implications directly arising from this report.

7. Legal Implications

7.1 There are no legal implications directly arising from this report.

8. Staffing Implications

8.1 There are no staffing implications directly arising from this report.

9. External Consultees

9.1 No external consultations have been undertaken.

10. Recommendations

10.1 To note or amend the Scrutiny Work Programme.

11. Background Documents

None.

12. Appendices

Appendix 1 – Joint Scrutiny Work Programme 2021/22