

Strategic Planning, Economic Development and Regeneration Policy and Scrutiny Panel

Work programme March 2021

(to be updated following each Panel meeting)

The Panel will consider issues of significant public concern, areas of poor performance and areas where Members think the Council could provide better value for money. This is a “live” document and is subject to change as priorities or circumstances change.

SECTION ONE – ACTIVE & SCHEDULED panel Projects as identified in the overarching Strategic Work Plan. Projects are ranked in priority order – ideally no more than **TWO** “active” projects at any time within the current Municipal Year. Scheduled projects will commence as active projects are completed or if reprioritised as circumstances require

Topic	Reason for scrutiny	Method of scrutiny and reporting process	Timeline	Progress	Contact
1 Local Plan (Choices phase)	To enable Panel engagement with Local Plan development: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing meaningful input to, and hence assurance around, the development of the Plan which is of high community and corporate significance Risks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of effective engagement could lead to a disconnect with Members, blurred or distorted messaging and potential unintended wider consequences 	Informal SPEDR-led panel meetings (including the wider Council Membership as required) Meetings synchronised with key stages in the Local Plan development process To feed views and recommendations to officers and/or decision maker(s) at key stages	Preferred spatial strategy: target Exec on 28 th April. Target: Draft Local Plan for consultation in late 2021	Response to Local Choices Briefing 27/01 SPED-led all Councillor briefing on 16/02: Preferred Spatial Strategy Item at full Panel on 10/03/21	Michael Reep
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SECTION TWO – proposed projects (listed in priority order). These must be agreed at Panel and will be referred for discussion at Chairs and Vice Chairs – prior to inclusion within the Strategic Work Plan and S.1 above:-

Topic	Reason for scrutiny	Proposed method of scrutiny and reporting process	Timeline	Contact
Parking Review	Panel scrutiny/feedback	TBA	TBA	Colin Medus

SECTION THREE – planned briefings, workshops, and informal Panel meetings. Outcomes may, with Chairman’s agreement, generate Panel agenda items (for inclusion in S.4 below) or, with Panel agreement, potential investigation under S.1/2 above:-

Topic	Reason for scrutiny	Date	Outcome	Progress	Contact
Housing Infrastructure Fund (HIF)	Briefing	05/07/20	Agreed ongoing Panel engagement	Series of briefings arranged. Most recently 01/02 and 08/02/2021	Jonathan Periselnieris
Weston Villages developments	Updating and consulting Members on issues relating to Weston Villages developments – for scrutiny/feedback	10/02/21	Agreed the formation of an informal working group	Series of quarterly (or as needed) meetings	Brent Cross
Draft Active Travel Strategy	Briefing for Members on recently completed public consultation on the strategy scrutiny and feedback	18/02/21	Members were supportive of the proposals – see appendix 1		Colin Medus
NS Economic Renewal Vision	Briefing	01/07/20	Members provided feedback and agreed on-going engagement	TBA	Jane Harrison/Alex Hearn
Weston Place Making Strategy	Briefing	22/07/20	Members provided feedback and gave assurance. Agreed on-going engagement	TBA	Alex Hearn
Economic Action Plan	Briefing	01/09/20	Feedback from Members reflected at informal Executive on 3 rd September	TBA	Jane Harrison

SECTION FOUR - agenda reports to the Panel meetings as agreed by the Chairman. This section primarily provides for the forward planning of agendas for the coming year and a useful record of panel meeting activity. When considering reports at meetings, outcomes may include proposing a workstream, escalating it to S2 above for potential inclusion on the STRATEGIC WORK PLAN.

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Report Title	Purpose of Report	Outcome (actions)	Progress	Contact
Local Plan Draft Spatial Strategy	Members engagement and feedback/recommendations			Michael Reep
Parking Standards SPD consultation	Members engagement and feedback/recommendations			
Wyndham Way Study (Portishead area)	For Members engagement/feedback particularly in respect of its role in setting the ground work (Stage 1) for the intended “stage 2” process for the preparation of a Development Framework – both informing planning guidance for future development and informing the preparation of the draft Local Plan			

Panel Meeting 14 June 2021

Panel Meeting 24 November 2021

SECTION 5 - Recommendations - Response from Executive Member

Area for investigation/ Recommendations	When were the recommendations to the Executive agreed?	Expect answer by (first panel meeting after recommendations were submitted)

SECTION 6 - Progress and follow-up on implementing Panel recommendations

Panel Recommendation	Date of Response	Actions – implementation progress

Appendix 1

File note from Active Travel Strategy Members Briefing on 18th February 2021

Members heard the briefing from officers on the outcome of the recent public consultation on the proposed Active Travel Strategy. Officers highlighted a number of elements within the draft strategy that would be strengthened following consultation. It was agreed at the briefing that the Panel's support for the strategy, and the proposed areas to be strengthened, be forwarded to Council.