

Report of Head of Governance and Scrutiny Support

Report to Scrutiny Board (Inclusive Growth, Culture and Sport)

Date: 6th September 2017

Subject: Leeds Inclusive Growth Strategy - Consultation

Are specific electoral Wards affected?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):		
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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Summary of main issues

1. At the beginning of the municipal year, the Inclusive Growth, Culture and Sport Scrutiny Board acknowledged that a new Leeds Inclusive Growth Strategy was being developed to cover the period 2017-2023. The Board therefore agreed to proactively respond to the Council's consultation on the new draft Strategy once available.
2. During its meeting on 17th July 2017, the Executive Board received a report from the Director of City Development seeking approval to formally publish and consult on the draft Inclusive Growth Strategy. It also set out the approach proposed to engage with business and stakeholders, seeking specific commitments for the strategy. A copy of the Executive Board report is attached as appendix 1 for information.
3. Following approval, the formal consultation process on the draft Strategy commenced on 18th July 2017 and will run until 9th October 2017.
4. The purpose of today's meeting is to enable the Inclusive Growth, Culture and Sport Scrutiny Board to consider the draft Inclusive Growth Strategy, which is attached as appendix 2, and respond accordingly to the consultation.
5. At the beginning of the municipal year, the Board had also expressed an interest in undertaking a piece of Scrutiny work this year aimed at achieving inclusive growth by addressing local employment and skills gaps. However, it was agreed that the Board would determine the scope for this piece of work when considering the wider Inclusive Growth Strategy. This will therefore be picked up as part of the Work Schedule agenda item during today's meeting.

6. During its July meeting, the Health and Adults Scrutiny Board also expressed an interest in considering the extent to which the new Inclusive Growth Strategy seeks to tackle health inequalities. In order to avoid duplication and provide a co-ordinated response from Scrutiny, nominated representatives from the Health and Adults Scrutiny Board have been invited to contribute to today's discussion on the draft Strategy.
7. Following the formal consultation process, a final draft of the Leeds Inclusive Growth Strategy is expected to be launched in the autumn.

Recommendation

8. Members are asked to consider the new draft Inclusive Growth Strategy and respond accordingly to the consultation.

Background documents¹

9. None used

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.