

## **SCRUTINY BOARD (INCLUSIVE GROWTH, CULTURE AND SPORT)**

**WEDNESDAY, 6TH SEPTEMBER, 2017**

**PRESENT:** Councillor A Lamb in the Chair

Councillors B Flynn, R Grahame,  
M Harland, G Hyde, J Illingworth, J Jarosz,  
K Maqsood, R. Stephenson and  
N Walshaw

### **19 Late Items**

There were no late items.

### **20 Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

There were no disclosable pecuniary interests declared to the meeting, however the following matters were brought to the attention of the Scrutiny Board for information:

- Councillor J Illingworth advised that he was lobbying for a local scheme.
- Councillor A Lamb advised that he was a member of the Federation of Small Businesses.
- Councillor D Ragan advised that a family member was registered disabled.

The above Members remained present for the duration of the meeting.

### **21 Apologies for Absence and Notification of Substitutes**

Apologies for absence were submitted by Councillors S Lay, M Robinson and K Wakefield.

Notification had been received that Councillor B Flynn was to substitute for Councillor M Robinson and Councillor J Jarosz for Councillor K Wakefield.

### **22 Minutes - 26th July 2017**

**RESOLVED** – That the minutes of the meeting held on 26 July 2017 be approved as a correct record.

### **23 Leeds Inclusive Growth Strategy - Consultation**

The Head of Governance and Scrutiny Support submitted a report which invited the Board to consider the draft Leeds Inclusive Growth Strategy and provide a response as part of the formal consultation.

The following were in attendance:

- Councillor Mohammed Rafique, Executive Member for Employment, Skills and Opportunity
- Tom Bridges, Chief Officer (Economy and Regeneration)
- Gareth Read, Senior Economic Development Officer
- Sue Wynne, Chief Officer (Employment and Skills)
- Richard Jackson, Chief Executive of Voluntary Action Leeds
- Mark Goldstone, Head of Business Representation & Policy, West and North Yorkshire Chamber of Commerce
- Janice Haigh, Branch Secretary, Leeds Federation of Small Businesses
- Tracy Lancaster, Deputy Vice Chancellor, Leeds Beckett University
- Tony Cooke, Chief Officer, Health Partnerships (LCC) and representative of the Leeds Academic Health Partnership.

The following representatives from the Adults and Health Scrutiny Board had been invited to contribute to this particular agenda item and were also in attendance:

- Councillor Billy Flynn
- Councillor Shirley Varley
- Councillor Denise Ragan.

The Chief Officer (Economy and Regeneration) provided a PowerPoint presentation, which highlighted some of the key aspects of the Leeds Inclusive Growth Strategy.

The key areas of discussion were:

- The need to develop work with the third sector, particularly support for volunteers.
- Concern that transport infrastructure remained an issue in Leeds.
- Access to skills and the need to better prepare young people for employment.
- The need to strengthen reference in the strategy to developing the cultural offer.
- The impact of poor health on economic development.
- More work needed to unlock talent in deprived communities.
- Greater support for businesses to grow and develop.
- The need to further support young people and people that wanted to change career direction.
- More work needed to connect young people to employment and training opportunities.
- The need to develop the inclusive aspect in the strategy, particularly access to jobs and opportunities for individuals with disabilities.
- Support for young people to gain work experience.
- The benefits of young people taking up part time employment whilst studying.

- The potential to develop health and social care opportunities for young people.
- Ensuring that the education system was suitable for all.
- Wage growth linked to the skills agenda and improvements to business efficiency.
- Engagement with local sports clubs to raise awareness about job and training opportunities.
- Exploring issues in relation to jobs and homes in different parts of the city.
- The need to develop digital infrastructure in parts of the city.

**RESOLVED** – That the issues raised be incorporated as part of the Board’s formal response to the draft Leeds Inclusive Growth Strategy.

(Councillor K Maqsood left the meeting at 12.50pm during the consideration of this item.)

## **24 Work Schedule**

The Head of Governance and Scrutiny Support submitted a report which invited Members to consider the Board’s work schedule for the 2017/18 municipal year.

**RESOLVED** – That subject to any on-going discussions and scheduling decisions, the Board’s outline work schedule be approved.

## **25 Date and Time of Next Meeting**

Wednesday, 11 October 2017 at 10.30am (pre-meeting for all Board Members at 10.00am)

(The meeting concluded at 1.05pm)