

Report of the Head of Governance and Scrutiny Support

Report to Scrutiny Board (Infrastructure, Investment and Inclusive Growth)

Date: 5 September 2018

Subject: Session 1 - Inquiry into the implementation of Leeds Inclusive Growth Strategy

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

1. Summary of Main Issues

- 1.1 Leeds City Council has an ambition to be the best city in the UK: one that is compassionate and caring with a strong economy, which tackles poverty and reduces inequalities. It wants Leeds to be a city that is fair and sustainable, ambitious, creative and fun for all with a council that its residents can be proud of: the best council in the country. The Best Council Plan 2018/19 – 2020/21 states that not everyone in Leeds is benefiting fully from the City’s economic success. The Plan highlights that overall the prospects for economic growth in Leeds remain robust, supported by the city’s skilled workforce, the growth and innovation of its firms and universities, and the progress being made with infrastructure. The Leeds Inclusive Growth Strategy sets out ‘how Leeds City Council, the private sector, universities, colleges and schools, and social enterprises in the city will work together to grow the Leeds economy, ensuring that everyone in the city contributes to, and benefits from, growth to their full potential.’
- 1.2 On the 25 of July the Board considered the Leeds Inclusive Growth Strategy 2018 – 2023, which was agreed by Executive Board on the 27th of June 2018. The Board was advised that the Strategy provides a framework for growth delivery that is inclusive and benefits all citizens and communities. It sets out a series of ideas and actions for growth, as well as broad themes of the Leeds economy and targeted sectors around the three themes of People, Place and Productivity. The Board resolved resolved that their inquiry for 2018/19 would focus on the Inclusive Growth Strategy framework and the methodology for its delivery. In addition the Board resolved to concentrate on the supporting employment related aspects of the strategy that correlate to the creation of more and better jobs and supporting Leeds

residents into those to reduce poverty, particularly in work poverty, to lessen disadvantage and inequality in Leeds communities. This report follows consideration and agreement of the terms of reference for this inquiry.

- 1.3 This report provides information to support the first session of the inquiry as follows:

Area 1

A presentation which provides an update relating to the mapping and framework position for the Inclusive Growth Strategy.

Area 2

Providing background and context:

- a) The aligned calls to actions in the Leeds Talent and Skills Plan focusing on addressing low pay and in-work poverty and connecting residents of our most disadvantaged communities to opportunities.
- b) The relevance of Anchor Institutions.

- 1.4 Representatives have been invited to the meeting to present information, support debate and provide clarity.

2. Recommendation

The Scrutiny Board (Infrastructure, Investment and Inclusive Growth) is recommended to:

- i. note the information contained within this report and provided at the meeting and make recommendations as deemed appropriate.

3 Background documents¹

None

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.