

**Report of Head of Democratic Services**

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

**Date: 31 July 2019**

**Subject: Leeds Inclusive Growth Strategy 2018 – 2023, One Year On**

Are specific electoral wards affected? If yes, name(s) of ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Has consultation been carried out?	<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
Will the decision be open 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. Purpose of this report**

- 1.1 At the meeting on the 20 of June 2018, the Scrutiny Board (Infrastructure, Investment and Inclusive Growth) considered how the scrutiny process could influence and shape the implementation of the Leeds Inclusive Growth Strategy. The Board focused on changes in the labour market and how the strategy could support interventions to address skills, pay and progression to benefit those resident in our most deprived areas. It was resolved at this meeting that this would be the Scrutiny Boards main inquiry for the 2018/19 municipal year.
- 1.2 Following the conclusion of the inquiry the Board agreed its inquiry report on the 10 of April 2019 which specified a number of recommendations. Recommendation 4 of the report states 'To support ongoing accountability, transparency and challenge through formal governance processes, the Director of City Development is requested (a) to provide the annual inclusive growth update report in July 2019 and thereafter as determined by the Scrutiny Board.'

**2. Best Council Plan Implications**

- 2.1 The Leeds Inclusive Growth Strategy was adopted by Executive Board in June 2018 which was subsequently the focus for a Scrutiny Board inquiry during 2018/19. The Board has committed to provide continued support and challenge throughout 2019/20 regarding the implementation of the strategy and the delivery of its ambitions.

### **3. Main issues**

- 3.1 The Director of City Development and the Director of Resources and Housing has provided an annual inclusive growth update report in the form of the 'Leeds Inclusive Growth Strategy 2018 – 2023, One Year On' which is due to be considered by Executive Board on the 24 July 2019. This report is appended for the Board's consideration.
- 3.2 Appropriate senior officers have been invited to the meeting to discuss the attached report and address any issues raised by the Scrutiny Board.

### **4. Corporate considerations**

#### **4.1 Consultation and engagement**

- 4.1.1 The Scrutiny Boards may wish to express views on aspects of the appended report.

#### **4.2 Equality and diversity / cohesion and integration**

- 4.2.1 Leeds Inclusive Growth Strategy 2018 – 2023, One Year On was subject to Equality Impact Assessment where appropriate which is detailed in the papers to Executive Board, 24 July 2019.

#### **4.3 Council policies and the Best Council Plan**

- 4.3.1 The Inclusive Growth Strategy is a core strategy underpinning the Best Council Plan for 2020/21.

##### Climate Emergency

- 4.3.2 This is a factual report introducing 'Leeds Inclusive Growth Strategy 2018 – 2023, One Year On'. Specific climate implications are outlined in the appended Executive Board report 24 July 2019.

#### **4.4 Resources, procurement and value for money**

- 4.4.1 All financial implications are detailed in the main body of the Executive Board report.

#### **4.5 Legal implications, access to information, and call-in**

- 4.5.1 There are no legal implications arising from this report.

#### **4.6 Risk management**

- 4.6.1 The Scrutiny Board may wish to challenge aspects of risk whilst considering the Leeds Inclusive Growth Strategy 2018 – 2023, One Year On report, and explore how risk would be mitigated.

## **5. Conclusions**

- 5.1 Details of the Leeds Inclusive Growth Strategy 2018 – 2023, One Year On position has been provided to the Executive Board for its meeting on 24 July 2019 and this report is now appended for the Scrutiny Board's consideration in accordance with the findings outlined in recommendation 4 of the Scrutiny Inquiry report into The Leeds Inclusive Growth Strategy.

## **6. Recommendation**

- 6.1 That the Scrutiny Board considers the relevant information within the attached Executive Board report and agrees any specific scrutiny actions that may be appropriate.

## **7. Background documents<sup>1</sup>**

- 7.1 None.

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<sup>1</sup> 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.