

Meeting Date: 3rd November 2020

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Title: **Economic Growth Overview and Scrutiny Panel – Councillor Lisa Brown**

To aid the Economic Growth Scrutiny Panel in its work, this month the Policy and Communications Officer worked with officers in the Economic Development (ED) Directorate and drew up a new proposed template for the ED project updates within the Quarterly Performance Report. It is the same format that is used to communicate project updates to our Senior Management Team.

Going forward the Performance Report will comprise of:

1. EGSP Service Standard –full set of ten service standards are judged to be the most important to our customers and therefore the mostly likely to influence the overall satisfaction with how the Council performs. Their relevance to current priorities and targets are reviewed by Members, officers and senior management between now and Christmas and proposed changes communicated for approval in the Quarter 3 Performance Report in January/February ready to ‘go-live’ in April.
2. EGSP Key Performance Indicators Dashboard – these can also be used to interrogate the performance of the Council in the areas relevant to EGSP. They are all linked to outward facing services. They are also subject to annual review in the same manner as service standards. Most of the measures are either nationally set measures/targets (derived from the old National Indicator Set) or are linked to the ISO quality standard that Building Control dept. works to.
3. Project Updates - We believe that this will aid the Panel in looking at and scrutinising the Quarterly Performance Report more effectively.

The EGSP met on the 1st of October and had looked forward to a presentation from Kingmoor Park Enterprise zone, unfortunately due to unforeseen circumstances this did not take place, but the Panel looks forward to rescheduling in the new year. The Housing Development Officer presented an update on the delivery of market and affordable housing, in respect of targets and identified need, along with updated and emerging housing developments in the district and county over the preceding year.

The report provided updates on Strategic Housing Partnerships for Carlisle and Cumbria, emerging Economic Strategy for Carlisle including strategic housing, countywide Strategic Housing, Housing Delivery 2019-20 and Movers' Survey 2019/20) The Panel noted the key findings on housing need and delivery for 2019-20, and scrutinised the effectiveness of existing and emerging strategies, including the Carlisle District Local Plan, as well as highlighting any perceived issues for the development of future Housing and Economic Strategy. The Panel also resolved that Riverside be invited to submit a report and attend a future meeting of the Panel to discuss their regeneration plans.

The Corporate Peer Challenge was discussed next and how best the work of the Panel could be focused. It was noted that the Scrutiny Chairs Group had met to consider the findings of the Peer Challenge, and myself and the Vice Chair had prepared four priorities for the Economic Growth Scrutiny Panel: housing delivery; transport and infrastructure; economic strategy development, and the Local Plan. We agreed that being focussed was essential to the work of the Panel. We are all looking forward to working with officers to make sure that the Panel makes the most of the opportunities presented to it through scrutiny. Full details of the meeting and questions asked can be found in the minutes, and I would like to thank the Overview and Scrutiny Officer for all her hard work and assistance.

Cllr Lisa Brown

Chair – Economic Growth Overview and Scrutiny Panel