**Growth Board Scrutiny Panel Work Plan Proposal**

Based on the items proposed at the Scrutiny Panel meeting on 18 September 2018, Oxford City Council’s Scrutiny Officer has produced a proposed work plan, in Consultation with the Chair and support officers, for the Scrutiny Panel to consider. The Panel’s ongoing review of their work plan should be considered in conjunction with the Growth Board’s Forward Plan, once it is established.

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| **Meeting date** | **Item** | **Description and rationale** | **Officer Comment** | **Lead Officer** |
| **22 November 2018** | The Energy Strategy | To consider the Energy Strategy and how its recommendations will be taken forward | The LEP have led on an Energy Strategy that went to the Growth Board in September 2018 as a draft. It will be considered again as part of a Growth Board’s agenda in the future. | Ahmed Goga (OxLEP) |
| Growth Board Agenda | To consider the Growth Board’s agenda, and any items for discussion. | It is recommended that the Panel becomes increasingly selective in choosing items from the Growth Board’s agenda, once a forward plan of decisions has been established. This item will include Quarter 2 monitoring data that was previously requested by the Panel. | N/a |
| **24 January 2019** | Public engagement | To consider how the Growth Board is engaging the public in its work and promoting transparency and public awareness of its work. | The Growth Board has a public engagement protocol that is a little over a year old. Officers agree that in the light of the Deal and the enhanced profile of the Board, that a reflection on how the Board could better engage with the public, both in respect of the Deal and its wider work, would be helpful. Scrutiny could also consider a model for a comprehensive Forward Plan for the Board. | Paul Staines, GB Partnership Programme Manager |
| Growth Board Agenda | To consider the Growth Board’s agenda, and any items for discussion. | N/a | N/a |
| **21 March 2019** | Affordable Housing | To understand how affordable housing is defined within the context of the Deal, and the scale and ambition of plans to promote affordable tenures. | The wish for the affordable housing programme to embrace innovation is something that officers would welcome input from the Scrutiny Panel on. There is an intention to launch a discussion with partners about what innovation in the programme could look like at a launch event and develop a suite of initiatives to influence the finalisation of years 2 and 3 programmes. Officers would welcome more guidance on the information needed and key questions for discussion. | Paul Staines |
| Growth Board Agenda | To consider the Growth Board’s agenda, and any items for discussion. | This will include Quarter 3 monitoring data that was previously requested by the Panel. | N/a |

**Items to be scheduled**

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| **Item** | **Description and rationale** | **Officer Comment** | **Lead Officer** |
| Strengthening and measuring social value | To consider to what extent the Growth Board is taking account of, measuring and then extracting the social value in the growth agenda. | This work is on the horizon and not yet underway. Officers would welcome input from the Panel on the types of questions they wish to explore, to help frame a future report. | TBC |
| The Local Industrial Strategy | Consideration of a report concerning the Local Industrial Strategy. | The Local Industrial Strategy is in draft form and the decision making process associated with its sign off have not yet been finalised. The Panel will be updated in due course and advice will be given on how this can be appropriately reviewed by Scrutiny. | Ahmed Goga (OxLEP) |

**Suggestions for the Work Plan from Officers**

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| **Item** | **Description and rationale** | **Officer Comment** | **Lead Officer** |
| Strategic planning for health infrastructure | To consider what plans are in place to ensure infrastructure development supports access to health services, and how these plans are embedded within the JSSP production process. | This issue is usually picked up through the local planning process. Health providers are increasingly looking for new ways to deliver services, and the Growth Deal will need to take account of these changes. | TBC |
| Environmental Capital | To understand and comment upon a strategic approach to mapping, understanding and maximising the utility of the environmental capital of the county | The Board has discussed how to progress the development of an Oxfordshire Environment Strategy that understand and maps the environmental capital of Oxfordshire. Officers would welcome scrutiny input into this work when completed | TBC |