



***Economic
Development,
Transport and
Tourism Scrutiny
Commission
Task Group update***

Decision to be taken by: N/A

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Useful information

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1. Purpose of report

To report on progress being made in relation to the EDTT Task Group looking at economic activity in deprived communities in Leicester

2. Summary

The first meeting of the task group set up to look at how to promote economic activity in deprived communities within Leicester has met.

A second meeting is being organised for Thursday 19th December 2019

Overview Select Committee (OSC) was due to confirm approval of the review at its meeting on 28 November 2019

Future meetings, including a visit to Preston, are planned.

3. Recommendations

To note the report and comment as appropriate.

4. Report/Supporting information including options considered:

The EDTT meeting on 16 October 2019 agreed a scoping document on the issue of economic development at local level. The document was due to be considered by the Overview Select Committee for approval on 28 November 2019. In the interim, the Chair of OSC agreed that information and data gathering could begin ahead of formal OSC approval.

The Task Group held its first meeting on 24 October 2019 to consider data which had been provided through the September 2019 IMD (Indicators of Multiple Deprivation) data for Leicester. IMD data is updated every four years.

The meeting looked in particular at wards which have particularly severe levels of deprivation and identified areas in two wards – Saffron and Western, which are among the most deprived in the city, and indeed the country.

It was agreed that the review would concentrate on these areas and would start to map not just deprivation within these areas but also what resources were available to these communities, and who was able and willing to access them.

There was a report on work done in Preston to create a circular economy, and a more detailed report would be presented at the next meeting of the Task Group. A visit to Preston is likely to be organised for early in the New Year.

De Montfort University (DMU) had indicated interest in providing resources for the review, and the Chair met with Professor Jonathan Payne to discuss how DMU could help with research and analysis of the work being done within the review. A separate meeting with Professor Ed Cartwright was also being arranged.

A further meeting of the Task Group is being arranged, with a likely date being 19 December 2019.

5. Financial, legal and other implications

5.1 Financial implications

N/A

5.2 Legal implications

N/A

5.3 Climate Change and Carbon Reduction implications

N/A

5.4 Equalities Implications

N/A

5.5 Other Implications (You will need to have considered other implications in preparing this report. Please indicate which ones apply?)

N/A

6. Background information and other papers:

EDTT Scrutiny Commission meeting of 16 October 2019 Agenda item 8: Economic Development at a Local Level, (minute 35 refers)

7. Summary of appendices:

N/A

8. Is this a private report (If so, please indicated the reasons and state why it is not in the public interest to be dealt with publicly)?

No

9. Is this a “key decision”?

No

10. If a key decision, please explain reason

N/A