

Economy and Place Policy and Scrutiny Committee

Work Plan suggestions from June meeting:

1. **High value jobs.** How York has performed in recent years and whether we can make the most of the developments at York Central to ensure growth of high-skilled jobs and growth of high-skilled jobs in the green sector.
2. **Work around an inclusive economy in York:**
 - Pay in work poverty;
 - Gender pay gap;
 - Apprenticeships and skills – how we use apprenticeship levy in the council and also its use around the city;
 - Low paid industries – hospitality and tourism – and how we encourage career progression in those industries
 - Graduate retention;
 - Stem the loss of skilled people;
 - Sustainable growth and social values;
 - Community wealth
3. **Performance on road repairs.** This is an unavoidable issue across the city. The committee could take a detailed look into repairs of road surfaces.
4. **Review of Business Rates System,** to see if it is fit for purpose
5. **Bus services,** review operations particularly in outlying areas
6. **Parking across the city.** Increasing use of park and ride to reduce the number of people parking on city centre streets.
7. **Apprenticeships and skills.** To include apprentice levy and staff progression.
8. **Hospitality and tourism.** Creating a high-value offer that benefits residents and businesses.

9. **University collaboration** and graduate retention.
10. **Opportunities and barriers to business growth.** Innovation and productivity including business support services, physical constraints such as lack of office space etc.
11. **Positive growth.** Sustainable growth, social value and community wealth building.
12. **Clean air zone.** Next steps

From Members:

Economy

- i. **Low pay:** The nature, prevalence and impact of low pay in and on York's economy.
- ii. **Skills:** Apprenticeships and in work progression: Provision of apprenticeship and skills training, student market or economic growth driven? The effective use of the apprenticeship levy in CYC and other large York employers. Review of opportunities for in work progression for York's workforce.
- iii. **Productivity:** Focus on Retail, Hospitality and Tourism Sectors: How do we create high value offers in these sectors leading to increased productivity and higher wages for York workers? Good for businesses and workers.
- iv. **York's Large Employers:** A study of York's large employers: The nature of their work forces, their involvement in their local communities, how they support business development in their local communities, what more could they be doing?
- v. **Inclusive Growth:** What should Inclusive Growth look like for York? To include all areas within city boundary, not focussed on city centre.

Place

- vi. **The changing face of the high street:** Understanding and tackling the economic problems of long term empty commercial units in York's city centre.
- vii. **Planning and Planning Conditions Enforcement:** How do we build the houses and commercial units our city needs while protecting the standard of living of surrounding communities?
- viii. **Section 106 assessment, spending and enforcement:** How do we make sure our communities are adequately resourced under section 106 and that developers follow through on delivery?