

Initial Information Base and Suggested Work Plan topics for 2023/24 – For Thriving Sub-Committee’s Consideration

As set out in **Appendix B**, link Cabinet Members and lead Senior Leadership Team (SLT) officers have been identified to support the work of each Scrutiny Committee.

The link Cabinet Member for the Thriving Sub-Committee (the Deputy Mayor) and lead SLT officer (the Director of Regeneration and Economic Development) have met with the Chair of Thriving Sub-Committee to outline potential policy areas which the Committee may wish to consider including in its programme of work for 2023/24.

It is suggested that the work programme should be considered by the Sub-Committee as a standing agenda item at each meeting in order that this is up to date and able to respond to emerging themes during the year.

Policy topics which the Sub-Committee might wish to consider as an evidence and information base when deciding its programme of work for 2023/24 are set out below.

Thriving Sub-Committee – Potential Menu of Work Plan Items for 2023/24

- Working with the Voluntary Sector
- Community Lettings Policy
- Tourism
- Benefits realisation – Masterplan objectives for North Shields. What has been done and has this delivered against objectives? What can we learn?
- Benefits realisation – Masterplan objectives for Wallsend. What has been done and has this delivered against objectives? What can we learn?
- Regeneration consultation – how have we done on our consultation strategy in Wallsend and North Shields, as case studies? What can we learn?
- Cultural Strategy – how is this being embedded?
- Economic Strategy and Business Engagement Strategy
- Community Hubs – are these meeting the needs of communities, as needs may be different in differing communities across the borough?
- Heritage Strategy

- Skills – reviewing the Working Well Hubs
- Business Networks
- State of the Economy (it is suggested that the Committee may wish to consider receiving this as an Annual Update)