

External Scrutiny Committee

Meeting to be held on Monday, 29 November 2021

Electoral Division affected:
(All Divisions);

Corporate Priorities:
Supporting economic growth;

Supporting Lancashire Businesses during COVID-19

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Brief Summary

A presentation on the funding made available from Government and the support provided by the County Council to businesses in Lancashire during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Recommendation

The External Scrutiny Committee is asked to:

- i. Note the support provided to businesses in Lancashire during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- ii. Formulate any recommendations for future joint working arrangements.

Detail

Andy Walker, Head of Business Growth, Lancashire County Council will deliver a presentation on the funding made available from Government and the support provided by the County Council to businesses in Lancashire during the COVID-19 pandemic. County Councillor Aidy Riggott, Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Growth will also be in attendance.

The presentation will cover aspects including:

- National business support offers,
- Take up of the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) COVID-19 grants,
- Lessons learnt,
- Local business support provision,
- Government backed funding mechanisms,
- Business led solutions,

- Skills and employment support,
- Current recovery offer and lessons learnt.

Information on the challenges, solutions and the future of funding will also be provided.

The External Scrutiny Committee is asked to note the support provided to businesses in Lancashire during the COVID-19 pandemic and to formulate any recommendations for future joint working arrangements.

Consultations

N/A

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

This report has no significant risk implications.

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 List of Background Papers

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None

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A