

External Scrutiny Committee

Meeting to be held on Tuesday, 11 January 2022

Electoral Division affected:
(All Divisions);

Corporate Priorities:

Caring for the vulnerable;
Delivering better services;
Improving services;
Supporting economic growth.

Universal Credit in Lancashire - Department for Work and Pensions

(Appendix 'A' refers)

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Brief Summary

A presentation on Universal Credit by representatives from the Department for Work and Pensions.

Recommendation

The External Scrutiny Committee is asked to consider both this report and item 4b – Universal Credit Update on the agenda to:

1. Identify the key issues faced by the Department for Work and Pensions in the roll out of Universal Credit and helping the people of Lancashire.
2. Formulate any recommendations on joint working between the Lancashire County Council and the Department for Work and Pensions to resolve any issues identified from this piece of work and the implications identified from previous work on this matter as set out at agenda item 4b – Universal Credit Update.

Detail

Elaine Herbert, Senior Partnership Manager, Cumbria and Lancashire Work and Health Services, and Shane Byrne, Partnership Manager, from the Department for Work and Pensions will attend the meeting to deliver the presentation set out at appendix A.

Since January 2020, the External Scrutiny Committee has embarked on a themed review of Universal Credit in Lancashire with a specific focus to identify the key issues faced by the Department for Work and Pensions in the roll out of Universal

Credit and helping the people of Lancashire. Further detail and the findings of this review are set out at item 4b on the agenda – Universal Credit Update.

In considering the presentation, the External Scrutiny Committee is asked to consider both this report and the information provided as part of item 4b – Universal Credit Update on the agenda, to identify the key issues faced by the Department for Work and Pensions in the roll out of Universal Credit and helping the people of Lancashire. The Committee is advised to formulate any recommendations on joint working between the Lancashire County Council and the Department for Work and Pensions to resolve the issues identified from this piece of work and the implications identified from previous work on this matter as set out at agenda item 4b – Universal Credit Update.

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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Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A