

## Report to Scrutiny

Item Number:

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<b>Subject of Report:</b>	<i>Scrutiny Panel 2 Economy and Sustainability</i>
<b>Meeting:</b>	<i>Scrutiny Panel 2 Economy and Sustainability 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024</i>
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<b>Cabinet Responsibility:</b>	<i>Cllr Louise Brett – Decent living incomes Cllr Shital Manro – Good growth and new housing</i>
<b>Director Responsibility:</b>	<i>Peter George Strategic Director of Economy and Sustainability</i>
<b>Brief:</b>	<i>The Committee will be provided with a presentation from officers from Regeneration, Economy &amp; Skills; Community Safety, as well as representatives from University of West London and Business Improvement Districts (BID). This will give an update on the current economic and employment situation in the borough, the council and partner interventions have occurred and those planned.</i>
<b>Recommendations:</b>	<i>That the Panel notes the presentation and considers recommendations accordingly.</i>

## **1. Scrutiny Panel 2 Economy and Sustainability**

- 1.1 Council officers and expert witnesses will provide the Panel with a detailed presentation updating on the current economic context in the borough, and what initiatives are being delivered and planned the support local businesses growth and Ealing residents into employment.
- 1.2 Connor McDonagh, Assistant Director for Regeneration, Economy & Skills will be providing an update and overview and role of the newly created Regeneration, Economy & Skills department, particularly in the context of the Council Plan ambitions.
- 1.3 Diana Skwarczowska, Partnerships and Performance Officer will be providing an update on unemployment data in the borough.
- 1.4 Paul Murphy, Head of Community Safety will be providing data update on shoplifting in Ealing borough high streets.
- 1.5 The University of West London representatives have been invited to present the Panel on the work undertaken in the Westmont Hub and Careers & Volunteering departments.
- 1.6 A representative from the Business Improvement District (BID) will outline the role of BIDs, particularly in the context of supporting businesses and the evolving challenges they face, including an increase in shop lifting.

## **2. Legal Implications**

There are no legal implications.

## **3. Financial Implications**

There are no financial implications.

## **4. Other Implications**

There are no other implications arising.

## **5. Background Papers**

PowerPoint presentation provided in advance of the Panel meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

## Consultation

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Peter George	Strategic Director of Economy and Sustainability	29/02/2024		
				

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