

**SCOPING STATEMENT FOR A SCRUTINY REVIEW OF
HEREFORDSHIRE'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT POLICY**

Report By: Head of Economic and Community Services

Wards Affected

Countywide

Purpose

1. To outline the scope of a Scrutiny Review of the Economic Development Strategy for the County.

Financial Implications

2. There are no direct financial implications.

Background

3. Members of the Community Services Scrutiny Committee have agreed to conduct a review of the Herefordshire Economic Development strategy. The current strategy runs until 2025 there are however a number of regional changes that may affect local strategy and developments locally that can feed into future planning. The Scoping Statement for the Review is attached as Appendix 1.

Recommendation

THAT the Economic Development Strategy review starts in September 2008.

THAT the Committee:

- a) **approve the attached scoping statement as a basis for undertaking the review of Herefordshire's Economic Development Strategy;**

and

- b) **appoint a Chairman and members to serve on the Review Group.**

BACKGROUND PAPERS

- Scoping document for the future Economic Development Strategy.