

REVIEW:	Economic Development Strategy for Herefordshire	
Committee:	Community Services Scrutiny Committee	Chair: tbc
Lead support officer:	tbc	

Scoping

Terms of Reference

This review covers:

- To examine the current economic development strategy published in 2006 and its delivery mechanisms.
- To consider local, regional and national policy in relation to the current strategy, specifically in relation to the local development framework, changing relationship with Advantage West Midlands and Local Area Agreement.
- Recommend ways forward in the delivery of the future economic development strategy.

Desired outcomes

- To assess the current Economic Development Strategy to ensure it is fit for purpose in meeting changes in local, regional and national policy.
- Recommend a way forward to the future revision of economic development strategy for the county considering resource requirements.

Key questions

- What are the emerging requirements of the Local Development Framework and does the current strategy meet those requirements?
- How does the current strategy meet local requirements of Hereford City, Market Towns and rural areas?
- Does the current strategy fulfil the requirement of the Local Area Agreement?
- How are the aims of the strategy delivered, and is this effective in working with partner organisations?
- What should be the future composition of a future strategy and how will that be resourced?
- How could a strategy further fulfil the needs of businesses, employees, and investors?

Corporate Plan Priorities

Economy and Enterprise

Timetable (some of the facilities are only open seasonally and will influence the time table)	
<i>Activity</i>	<i>Timescale</i>
Agree approach, programme of consultation/research/provisional witnesses/dates (first meeting with members)	September 2008
Assess strategy and Government guidance / reports	September and October 2008
Conduct small selection of interviews	November 2008
Pull together findings in a draft report with recommendations	December 2008
Report presented to Scrutiny Committee	January 2009
Present options/recommendations to Cabinet	February 2009
Cabinet response	March 2009
Implementation of agreed recommendations	April 2009
Members	Support Officers
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