

**REVIEW OF EDGAR STREET GRID SCHEME****Report By: HEAD OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY SERVICES****Wards Affected**

Countywide

**Purpose**

1. To examine progress and implementation of the ESG Master Plan.
2. To explore the opportunities of creating a single city approach, linking the ESG development with the regeneration of the historic city centre.
3. To identify the long term impacts and outcomes of the ESG scheme in supporting the economic growth of the County.

**Financial Implications**

4. The Council contributes revenue funding to the ESG scheme as well as officer time. This is highlighted in the review report.

**Background**

5. The Community Services Scrutiny Committee conducted a review of the ESG scheme as a major project taking place in Herefordshire which will have significant impact on the county.
6. The interviews for the review took place on the 30<sup>th</sup> September at an informal meeting of the Committee, with a subsequent meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> October for Members to formulate key considerations, themes and recommendations.
7. The report enclosed summarises the findings and recommendations.

**RECOMMENDATION**

- THAT (a) the Committee considers the report of the Edgar Street Grid Review, in particular its recommendations set out at section 7, and determines whether it wishes to agree the findings for submission to Cabinet.**
- (b) subject to the Review being approved, the Executive's response to the Review including an action plan be reported to the first available meeting of the Committee after the Executive has approved its response;**
- and;**
- (c) a further report on progress with respect to the Review be made after six months with consideration then being given to the need for any further reports to be made.**