

MEETING:	COMMUNITY SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
DATE:	28 JUNE 2010
TITLE OF REPORT:	ACTION PLAN MONITORING: REVIEW OF COMMUNITY AND SAFETY DRUGS PARTNERSHIP AND REVIEW OF THE HEREFORDSHIRE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY 2005-25
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CLASSIFICATION: Open

Purpose

To inform the Committee of the progress of recommendations from the Scrutiny Review of the Herefordshire Economic Development Strategy 2005-25.

Recommendation(s)

THAT: the report be noted.

Key Points Summary

- There has been significant progress in implementing the action plan arising from the Scrutiny Review.
- The action plan is attached at Appendix 1 and includes an update on progress against each recommendation.

Alternative Options

- 1 There is no alternative option.

Reasons for Recommendations

- 2 To update members on the progress of the recommendations as outlined.

Introduction and Background

- 3 The Community Services Scrutiny Committee considered a report reviewing the economic development strategy on 5 October 2009. The task of the review was to consider the economic development strategy in light of the current economic downturn and changes in priorities.

Key Considerations

- 4 The original strategy was produced in 2004 with a refresh when it was published in 2006. It covers a 20 year period but since its publication the regional strategy has changed and so has

the financial climate. There is also a new national duty to produce Local Economic Assessments which will provide greater data on the local economy which will inform a revised strategy.

Community Impact

- 5 The Economic prosperity of the county has an impact on all aspects of community life. The recent downturn has impacted on businesses, communities and individuals – as well as public sector spend. Much of the new economic development strategy will focus on recovery and support the sustainability of the county's economy over the long term.

Appendices

- 6 Updated action plan.

Background Papers

None