

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL - REPORT TO MEMBERS

1. Meeting:	Cabinet
2. Date:	15 th October 2014
3. Title:	Scrutiny review on supporting the local economy
4. Directorate:	Resources

5. Summary

This review was conducted by a review group from Improving Places Select Commission, Chaired by Cllr Emma Wallis. The review itself was conducted as part of the 2013/14 work programme. The attached version of the report is the final published version of the report, as agreed by Overview and Scrutiny Management Board at its meeting of the 19th September.

6. Recommendations

That Cabinet:

- Receive the Scrutiny Review – Supporting the Local Economy
- Agree to consider the recommendations within the report and respond to Overview and Scrutiny Management Board within two months.

7. Proposals and details

The review group was established as part of the work programme for 2013/14. It took place during November 2013 to May 2014. It was a key piece of work for the Improving Places Select Commission.

This review was identified and agreed as part of the work programme for the Improving Places Select Commission for 2013/14. Due to the changes to Local Government Finance and in particular the business rates, it was agreed that the Council needed to focus on ways to support the local economy to generate an increase in business rates. These efforts also need to focus on generating employment and training opportunities for local residents and stimulating the multiplier effect, retaining as much private sector investment in the local economy as possible. This review was scoped to complement the Commissioning review being carried out by the Self Regulation Select Commission which is focused, amongst other things, on the potential for the public sector to stimulate the local economy via its procurement function. The outcomes of both reviews should be considered as a suite of recommendations with the aim of maximizing the impact of both private and public sector investment in the Rotherham economy.

8. Finance

There are no immediate financial implications arising from the report, however, full implementation of the recommendations may have some resource implications for the Council and partners.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

The main risks are associated with the Council not acting appropriately to stimulate the economy during a key period of growth.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

Supporting the economy is a key corporate priority for the Council and a key element of the Sheffield City Region agenda.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

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