

***Economic Development Service Scrutiny Review***

Report by: Scrutiny Board

For Decision

Key decision: no

Portfolio and Cabinet Lead: Councillor Tim Pike

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**1.0 Purpose of the Report**

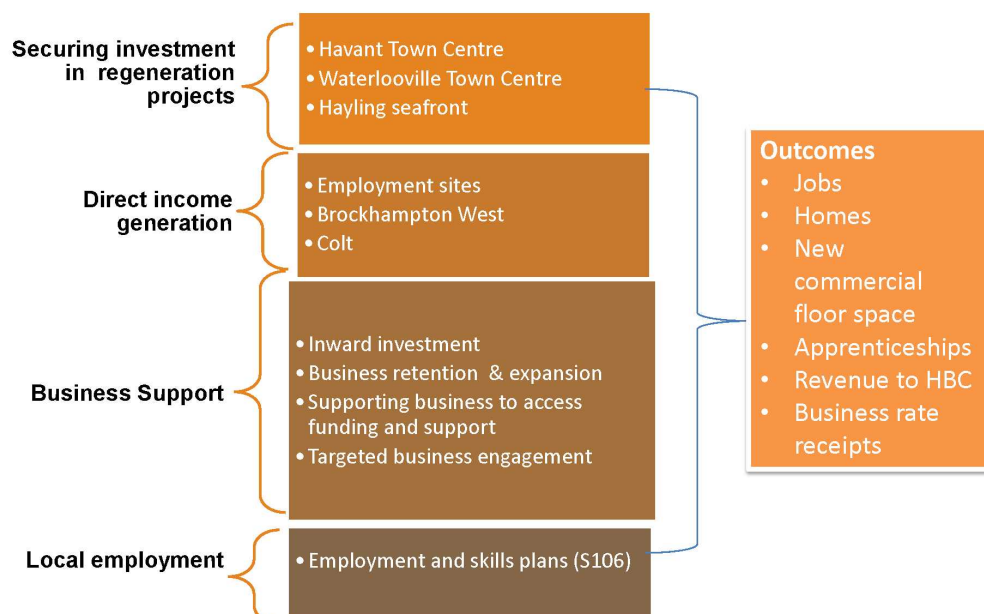
1.1 At its meeting held on 29 August 2017, the Scrutiny Board considered a report (Appendix A) from the Economy, Planning, Development and Prosperity Scrutiny and Policy Development Panel, setting out its findings and recommendations following a review of the Council’s role in relation to economic development within the Borough.

1.2 The Scrutiny Board endorsed the recommendations set out in the report.

**2.0 Recommendations**

2.1 It is recommended that Cabinet

2.1.1 endorse the recent officer’s review of the Council’s economic development service and agree that role of the service in the future will be to provide a clear project focus & deliver the outcomes shown below



- 2.1.2 directs that the service concentrate in high impact projects and puts minimum resources into the current legacy activities such as market contract management until the impact of new aims and objectives of the economic development service can be evaluated;
- 2.1.3 agree to the economic development service being provided to the Council by EHDC via a Section 101 Agreement;
- 2.1.4 reconsider the Council's current policy of updating CIL rate relative to changing construction costs and inflation to ensure that CIL does not detrimentally affect the economic viability of developments; and
- 2.1.5 agree to a workshop to establish what the housing economic climate in the Borough should be and to rethink the Council's strategy for housing delivery in this climate.

## **Appendices**

Appendix A – Economy, Planning, Development and Prosperity Scrutiny and Policy Development Panel Report

## **Background Papers**

[Public Findings Pack](#)

[Private Findings Pack](#)

**The Panel's report was agreed and signed off for publication by:**

**Head of Service:** 29 August 2017

**Head of Finance:** 31 August 2017

**Head of Legal:** 30 August 2017

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