

## **Report to Cabinet**

**Subject:** Scrutiny Report, Economic Development Working Group.  
The opportunity to intervene – for social and economic reasons

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### **Wards Affected**

Borough wide

#### **1. Purpose of the Report**

To present the report and recommendations of the working group that considered the economic and social benefits that should be taken into account when making decisions to purchase property using Strand 3 of the Commercial Property Investment Strategy. Members are asked to consider the report, previously approved by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and refer the report to the appropriate Cabinet Member in order for a response to be made to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee at the next meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2020.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

Cabinet is recommended to:

1. Consider and agree that the criteria outlined in the report is taken into consideration when making decisions to purchase property using Strand 3 of the Commercial Property Investment Strategy; and
2. Refer to the appropriate Cabinet Member in order for a response to be made to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

#### **2. Background**

Members are reminded that part of the remit of Scrutiny is to deal with wider service or policy issues through the establishment of working groups, which take an in depth view of Council policies and plans as directed by the

Overview Scrutiny Committee, and make recommendations to Cabinet accordingly. In accordance with the Scrutiny Improvement Plan 2010, a review is commissioned when:

- There is added value that this work will bring to the core priorities of the Council
- It is likely to make a difference if a working group undertake this work
- It is likely to lead to improved performance
- It is likely that the working group's recommendations will improve the lives of the residents of Gedling Borough
- It will increase Member awareness of important issues.

### **3. Proposal**

Members are asked to consider the report and recommendations of the above review, which has been approved by the Overview Scrutiny Committee for referral to Cabinet.

### **4. Alternative Options**

Under Executive governance arrangements the Cabinet is required to consider reports from the Scrutiny Committee so there are no alternative options 5.

### **5. Appendices**

Appendix 1: The final report of the Economic Development Working Group.

### **6. Background papers**

None identified.

### **7. Reasons for Recommendations**

To comply with Executive governance arrangements and fulfil the role of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.