

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY 2023 – 2027

Item FRP 23/29 referred from Finance, Regeneration and Property Scrutiny Select Committee of 14 November 2023

The report of the Chief Executive set out the proposed changes to the draft Economic Development Strategy 2023-2027 in light of the feedback received during the consultation exercise which was undertaken between 15 September and 13 October 2023.

Key amendments were summarised in 1.3.2 of the report and a revised draft of the Economic Development Strategy 2023-2027 was provided at Annex 1. Members' approval was sought on the adoption of the Strategy as amended.

Members welcomed the introduction of the revised Strategy and were advised that updates on progress of delivering the initiatives would be reported on a 6-monthly basis in the future.

RECOMMENDED*: That

- (1) the report be noted; and
- (2) the revised Economic Development Strategy 2023-2027, as set out in Appendix 1, be approved, subject to the definition of the 'Markets' as in 'Programme of Town Centre Events and Markets' under the theme of 'Vibrant Town Centres' being added to the Action Plan to clarify its coverage of farmers' markets.

***Recommended to Cabinet**