ECONOMIC PROSPERITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE **31 MARCH 2026**

ANNUAL REPORT 2025/2026

REPORT OF THE SCRUTINY AND MEMBERS' SUPPORT COORDINATOR

1. Purpose of the Report

1.1 To approve the Economic Scrutiny Committee report as part of the overall scrutiny annual report 2025/26 that is to be presented to Council.

2. Background

2.1 As previous municipal year's the annual report will be a single combined report of all four scrutiny committees. The annual report will outline the development in the scrutiny function and provide a snapshot of its work during the last 12 months.

3. Current position

3.1 The draft Economic Prosperity Scrutiny Committee report is attached at appendix 1 for member's consideration. The report provides a summary of some of the main work undertaken by the Committee during 2025/26. It should be noted that the report is written from the perspective of the Chair of the Committee reflecting over the year.

4. Conclusion

4.1 The Committee has delivered another ambitious work programme in 2025/26, which is reflected in the annual report. The Committee has worked with Council Directorates, stakeholders and partner organisations to deliver the work programme and has tackled a number of key issues throughout the year.

5 Recommendation

5.1 That Members approve the Economic prosperity Scrutiny Committee report for inclusion in the Scrutiny Annual Report 2025/26.

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