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**Report to:** Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Regeneration and Environmental Services)      **Date of Meeting:** 20 January 2015

**Subject:** Employment Development and Development of Local Town Centres and Economies Working Group - Town Centres Final Report

**Report of:** Director of Corporate Services      **Wards Affected:** All

**Is this a Key Decision?** Yes      **Is it included in the Forward Plan?** Yes

**Exempt/Confidential** No

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### **Purpose/Summary**

To present formally the final report of the Town Centres Working Group.

### **Recommendation:**

That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Regeneration and Environmental Services) supports the contents of the Town Centres Working Group Final report and recommends Cabinet to agree the recommendations as set out in paragraph 9 of that report.

### **How does the decision contribute to the Council's Corporate Objectives?**

	<b><u>Corporate Objective</u></b>	<b><u>Positive Impact</u></b>	<b><u>Neutral Impact</u></b>	<b><u>Negative Impact</u></b>
1	Creating a Learning Community		√	
2	Jobs and Prosperity		√	
3	Environmental Sustainability		√	
4	Health and Well-Being		√	
5	Children and Young People		√	
6	Creating Safe Communities		√	
7	Creating Inclusive Communities		√	
8	Improving the Quality of Council Services and Strengthening Local Democracy		√	

### **Reasons for the Recommendation:**

The Working Group has made a number of recommendations that require approval by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Regeneration and Environmental Services) and the Cabinet.

### **What will it cost and how will it be financed?**

There are no financial implications arising for the Council as a direct result of this report.

**Implications:** N/A

The following implications of this proposal have been considered and where there are specific implications, these are set out below:

<b>Legal</b>	
<b>Human Resources</b>	
<b>Equality</b>	
1. No Equality Implication	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. Equality Implications identified and mitigated	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Equality Implication identified and risk remains	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Impact on Service Delivery:** N/A

**What consultations have taken place on the proposals and when?**

The Head of Corporate Finance and ICT has been consulted and notes that the contents of the report indicate that there are no direct financial implications for the Council (FD3361)

The Head of Corporate Legal Services has been consulted and has no comments on this report as there are no legal implications arising from the contents of this report. (LD 2653/14).

**Are there any other options available for consideration?** The Cabinet and Council could decide to amend or not approve the recommendations.

**Implementation Date for the Decision**

Following the meeting of the Cabinet on 26 February 2015.

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**Background Papers:**

There are no background papers available for inspection.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Regeneration and Environmental Services) established the Employment Development and Development of Local Town Centres and Economies Working Group. Accordingly, the Working Group has met on numerous occasions to undertake such review and its final report, together with associated recommendations, is attached. The Committee is therefore requested to support the

contents of the Working Group Final report and recommend that Cabinet agree the recommendations as set out in paragraph 9 of that report.

***The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is requested to support the recommendations and commend them to the Cabinet for approval.***

***The Cabinet is requested to approve the recommendations.***