

# REPORT TO CABINET

REPORT OF: Head of Planning Policy & Economic Regeneration

REPORT NO: PLA.514

DATE: 11<sup>th</sup> July 2005

<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>ECONOMIC &amp; COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY 2005-2008</b>
<b>FORWARD PLAN ITEM:</b>	Yes
<b>DATE WHEN FIRST APPEARED IN FORWARD PLAN:</b>	15 <sup>th</sup> April 2005
<b>KEY DECISION OR POLICY FRAMEWORK PROPOSAL:</b>	P.F.P.

<b>COUNCIL AIMS/PORTFOLIO HOLDER NAME AND DESIGNATION:</b>	Councillor John Smith
<b>CORPORATE PRIORITY:</b>	Town Centres and the development of Grantham as a Sub-Regional Centre.
<b>CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS:</b>	Some elements of strategy will contribute positively to crime and disorder reduction issues.
<b>FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT IMPLICATIONS:</b>	The Strategy is open to the public, and will be distributed to any member of the public on request, within ten working days.
<b>BACKGROUND PAPERS:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Lincolnshire Enterprise Economic Strategy</li> <li>2. East Midlands Development Agency Economic Development Strategy</li> </ol>

## **1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT AND SUMMARY**

- 1.1 The report aims to present the Economic & Community Development Strategy for South Kesteven for 2005-2008. The strategy indicates how the Council and partners will be involved in promoting the social, economic and environmental well being of South Kesteven. This report is requesting that Cabinet proceed with the consultation stage of the strategy, and allow the attached document to

be distributed to partners involved in the economic development of South Kesteven.

## **2.0 DETAILS OF REPORT**

2.1 Please see attached Strategy.

## **3.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND ASSESSED**

3.1 There are no other options to be considered or assessed.

## **4.0 COMMENTS OF DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND STRATEGIC RESOURCES**

4.1 None at this stage.

## **5.0 COMMENTS OF CORPORATE MANAGER, DEMOCRATIC AND LEGAL SERVICES (MONITORING OFFICER)**

5.1 None at this stage.

## **6.0 CONCLUSION OR SUMMARY**

6.1 The draft Economic Development Strategy seeks to support and develop the local economy in South Kesteven. Economic development contributes to quality of life within the district. Developing our town centres and through regeneration is a priority for the Council with the added challenge of Grantham achieving sub-regional status in the near future.

6.2 The Strategy includes detailed action plans aimed specifically at business development, enabling sustainable communities and town centre regeneration.

6.3 It is proposed to consult with a wide range of stakeholders including the Sub-Regional Strategic Partnerships (SSP) and the Local Strategic Partnership (LSP). The result of the consultation will be reported back to Cabinet at a future meeting.

## **7.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

7.1 That South Kesteven District Council distributes the draft Economic & Community Development Strategy to partners for consultation & amendment.

7.2 That the Team Leader for Economic & Community Regeneration presents the draft to scrutiny in July 2005.

7.3 That the Team Leader for Economic & Community Regeneration presents the final copy to Cabinet for endorsement in September 2005.

## **8.0 CONTACT OFFICER**

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