

REVIEW: LOCAL COMMERCE, EMPLOYMENT, SKILLS & JOB CREATION

Committee name	Corporate Services, Commerce & Communities
Officer reporting	Luke Taylor, Democratic Services
Papers with report	Appendix A – Final Report from the Local Commerce, Employment, Skills and Job Creation Review

HEADLINES

This report updates the Committee on its previous review regarding Local Commerce, Employment, Skills and Job Creation.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Corporate Services, Commerce and Communities Policy Overview Committee:

- 1. Agree the review on “Local Commerce, Employment, Skills and Job Creation”, attached as Appendix A;**
- 2. Note the change in circumstances as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the impact it has had on the review; and,**
- 3. Agree to send the review to the Cabinet Member for Finance, Property and Business Services and Cabinet Member for Community, Commerce and Regeneration with a letter highlighting the impact of the pandemic upon the review.**

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1. Since June 2019, the Committee has investigated Local Commerce, Employment, Skills and Job Creation in Hillingdon in a major review of the topic. The recommendations in the review were agreed in February, and a final report detailing the review has now been completed and is attached as Appendix A.
2. Following the meeting in February, the COVID-19 pandemic led to a nationwide lockdown across the United Kingdom, which has impacted the economy at both a local and national level. Discussions have since been held with officers, and it was agreed that the recommendations contained within the review may no longer be ready to implement at the current time, in light of the pandemic’s impact upon the economy and the needs of the local economy going forward.
3. Officers believe that there is a wide range of important and useful information contained within the report, and although the recommendations may not be appropriate at this current time, this may change in the future.

4. It was proposed by Officers that, due to the change in circumstances and the impact of the pandemic, the review be sent to the relevant Cabinet Members in lieu of being presented to Cabinet at this time. Recommendation 3 requests the Council's agreement to send a letter to the Cabinet Members for Finance, Property and Business Services and Community, Commerce and Regeneration detailing the current situation, alongside a copy of the final report. A copy of this letter will be shared electronically with Committee Members prior to the meeting.

Implications on related Council policies

None.

Financial Implications

There were no financial implications.

Legal Implications

There were no legal implications.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

NIL.