

S8. Economic Strategy Update

The Committee had considered the Economic Strategy on 1 February 2018 (ref S30) and had requested an update on the implementation of the strategy after a year. The Head of Planning and Economic Development gave a presentation which set out:-

- background to the strategy
- growth – including town centre development and tourism
- investment – including Falkirk TIF and the Investment Zone
- inclusion – including employability activities

The presentation also highlighted performance. Mr Duff referred to a suite of indicators which showed the Council's performance against Scotland wide performance.

The committee thanked Mr Duff for the presentation. However members considered that a presentation did not afford the committee sufficient opportunity to scrutinise performance.

There had been too much information provided and members stated that they required information of this type in advance, in the format of a report to afford them the opportunity to prepare and to formulate questions. The committee discussed various elements of the presentation but considered that they had insufficient information to properly scrutinise the information and asked for a report. The Democratic Services Manager suggested, given the preparation time required and the committee's workplan that the report be submitted to the committee on 12 September when Development services was scheduled to present its performance report.

Decision

The Committee requested an update report on the impact of the Economic Strategy at its meeting on 12 September 2019.