

**Open
Key Decision**

HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Title/Subject Matter: Revised Commercial Investment Strategy

Meeting/Date: Overview and Scrutiny Panel
(Environment and Growth)
3 September 2025

Executive Portfolio: Executive Councillor for Finance and Resources
Cllr Brett Mickelburgh

Report by: Corporate Director – Finance and Resources

Wards affected: All

Executive Summary:

This report provides the opportunity to comment on the revised Commercial Investment Strategy which supports the Treasury Management Strategy in delivering income from investments to support the council's General Fund. Income from investment sources support the overall delivery of the Place Strategy and the Corporate Plan.

Recommendation:

The Panel is

RECOMMENDED

to comment on the revised strategy document appended to the report for consideration by Cabinet when approving the strategy.

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 This report gives the panel the opportunity to comment on the revised Commercial Investment Strategy

2. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Commercial Investment Strategy was originally agreed in 2015 and whilst there have been some revisions, a full review had not been undertaken since its inception.
- 1.2 Following a tender exercise, CIPFA were engaged to carry out the review with engagement from officers and a member group. The Treasury and Capital Management Working group also reviewed the draft and the comments have been included in the draft document.
- 1.3 The revised draft strategy focuses on the principles and framework for investments; it does not aim to review the current investment holdings. That work will be carried out as part of the overall review of property holdings both for investment and as part of the general fund asset holdings. Any review and changes in property holdings will need to be considered against the strategy but also the context of Local Government Reorganisation.

3. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 None.

4. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 No additional resource requirements arise from this report.

5. LIST OF APPENDICES INCLUDED

Draft Commercial Investment Strategy.

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