

COMMENTS FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL (PERFORMANCE AND CUSTOMERS) – 1st February 2017

BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (BID) HUNTINGDON RENEWAL BALLOT – DELEGATION OF POWERS

The report on the Business Improvement District (BID) Huntingdon Renewal Ballot – Delegation of Powers was presented to the Panel. Members were informed by this and the previous agenda item that the BID is seeking renewal. This means that powers are required to be delegated in order to ensure the Council's involvement and responsibilities are carried out.

Members were informed that as a levy payer, the Council currently contributes £10,680 annually towards the BID but as the collections agency for the BID the Council receives £5,961.

Whilst discussing the report, Members expressed their support for the BID and its achievements to date but believe that the word 'positively' is removed from the recommendations to give the Head of Development the freedom to vote either way depending on the strength of the BID Stage 2 business plan as it is developed.

A Member was keen to put forward suggestions to the BID but were reminded that this report covers the process and that they are free to make suggestions to the BID independently of the Council.