

## West Devon Borough Council

### Draft Recovery and Renewal Objectives

In considering WDBC's approach to recovery/renewal we need to focus on the following objectives:

- The delivery of services that are focussed to meet the needs of customers, community and business are restored where appropriate
- Immediate and longer term financial sustainability is secured
- Members are engaged with decision making in an appropriate way through local democratic governance.
- The principle of 'Build Back Better' is followed and that opportunities to learn and become more efficient and effective are realised wherever possible.

In working towards the objectives, we will;

- Ensure that our plans reflect local needs but are aligned, where appropriate, to national, regional and county approaches and timescales.
- Engage the wider community, partners and business in the recovery process
- Build on the success of our closer relationship and positive communication with residents and the community engendered through the pandemic.
- Embed resilience to mitigate the impact of this and future pandemics
- Explore opportunities for service transformation, longer term regeneration, inclusive growth and sustainable economic development
- Have regard to our existing six corporate themes
- Ensure that changes to the way we work and to the services we deliver will take into consideration the welfare and wellbeing of staff
- Assess and manage the environmental impact of recovery/renewal and resulting actions taken in line with the Councils Climate Change and Biodiversity Declaration
- Co-ordinate Strategic Communications and media management of the recovery/renewal process with partner agencies.
- Assess the potential 'benefits' arising from the pandemic, for example reduced air pollution/emissions, reduced car travel, increased physical activity, focus on local food chains, healthier eating, a reduction in rough sleeping and embed them in long term recovery/renewal.