

Report to: **Hub Committee**

Date: **15 September 2020**

Title: **Coronavirus (COVID-19) Response and Draft Recovery and Renewal Plan**

Portfolio Area: **Governance and Assurance**
Leader – Cllr Neil Jory

Wards Affected: **All**

Urgent Decision: **N** Approval and clearance obtained: **Y**

Date next steps can be taken: **Upon the expiry of the Call-in period on Wednesday, 23 September**

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RECOMMENDATION

That the Meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee RECOMMEND to the Hub Committee to:

- 1. note the Council's continuing response to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic;**
- 2. note the outputs arising from the recent Member Workshops (as set out in Appendix 1 of the presented agenda report);**
- 3. note the progress on the development of the Recovery and Renewal Action Plan ('the Plan') as detailed in Appendix 1 of the presented agenda report;**
- 4. delegate authority to the Group Leaders, in consultation with the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, to nominate Members to serve on the Task and Finish Groups (as outlined at Appendix 1 of the presented agenda report);**
- 5. take into account the conclusions of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the Plan; and**

- 6. request that a further update on progress against the development and delivery of the Plan be brought back to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its meeting to be held on 10 November 2020.**

That, in light of the discussions at the Meeting:

- 7. Officers start working on the development of a new Corporate Strategy with a view to it being presented to the Annual Council Meeting on 25 May 2021 for adoption.**

1. Executive summary

- 1.1 At the Meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 1 September 2020, consideration was given to a report titled: 'Coronavirus (COVID-19) Recovery and Renewal Plan Development update' (the report and the Appendix that were presented to the Meeting are outlined at Appendix 1).
- 1.2 The Meeting considered both the latest response and the Draft Recovery Plan derived from the outputs of a series of Members workshops.
- 1.3 Member's views on the Action Plan and the proposal to investigate and develop the key areas are welcomed.

2. Moving Forward

- 2.1 Looking further ahead, the Council adopted its Corporate Strategy on 22 May 2018 prior to the end of the previous administration. As a result of the pandemic it can be argued that the context and landscape within which we now operate has fundamentally changed.
- 2.2 Whilst elements of the Strategy clearly remain relevant and vitally important moving forward, the recovery and renewal process has identified new emerging challenges and priorities.
- 2.3 Having reflected on the above, deliberations at the Panel and the content of the plan, the Leader has since requested that an additional recommendation be included that officers start working on the development of a new corporate strategy with a view to adoption in May 2021.

3. Outcomes/outputs

- 3.1 The Hub Committee is asked to take into account the views of the Meeting on the COVID-19 Response and Draft Recovery and Renewal Action Plan before approving a way forward.
- 3.2 In the event of recommendation 7 being approved, Officers will bring back a proposal and timeline for the development of a new Corporate Strategy to a future meeting of the Hub Committee.

4. Implications

Implications	Relevant to proposals Y/N	Details and proposed measures to address
Legal/Governance	Y	In accordance with the Council Constitution, the Hub is required to give formal consideration to the recommendations that are generated from formal meetings of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
Financial implications to include reference to value for money	Y	The financial implications are outlined in detail within the original published report to the Meeting (Appendix 1 refers).
Risk	Y	The risk implications are outlined in detail within the original published report to the Meeting (Appendix 1 refers).
Supporting Corporate Strategy	Y	Council Theme – <i>Efficient and effective</i>
Comprehensive Impact Assessment Implications		
Equality and Diversity	N	N/A
Climate Change & Biodiversity	N	N/A
Safeguarding	N	N/A
Community Safety, Crime and Disorder	N	N/A
Health, Safety and Wellbeing	N	N/A
Other implications	N	None

Appendices:

- 1 – Report and appendices presented to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 1 September 2020.

Background Documents:

Council Constitution