

ENVIRONMENT AND ECONOMY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting	Tuesday 8 December 2020
Report Subject	Recovery Strategy Update (Streetscene and Transportation Portfolio)
Cabinet Member	Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Streetscene
Report Author	Chief Executive and Chief Officer (Streetscene and Transportation)
Type of Report	Operational

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Council has developed a corporate Recovery Strategy for the pandemic emergency situation which was endorsed at a special Cabinet meeting on 15 September.

Cabinet requested each of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees to support recovery in their respective portfolio areas, and specifically to have oversight of:-

1. The portfolio risk register(s) and the risk mitigation actions, both live and planned;
2. The objectives for recovery for the portfolio(s);
3. The immediate strategic priorities for recovery for the portfolio(s) extracted from the draft Council Plan for 2020/21; and
4. The set of revised performance indicator targets for the portfolio(s) for 2020/21.

This report provides the Committee with an update on the above recovery documents.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1	That the Committee considers and supports the progress made to support Recovery Strategy by the Streetscene and Transportation portfolio.
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REPORT DETAILS

1.00	EMERGENCY RECOVERY
1.01	<p>The Council has developed a corporate Recovery Strategy for the pandemic emergency situation. The Strategy covers:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The chronology of the emergency response phase and transition to recovery2. The handover arrangements or recovery3. Organisational recovery of the corporate organisation4. Community recovery of the communities we serve5. Strategic priorities and performance for the remainder of 2020/216. The roles the Council will play in regional recovery7. The democratic governance of recovery
1.02	<p>The development of the Recovery Strategy been led by the Chief Executive and Leader and overseen by a cross-party Member Recovery Board. The Board, which was an advisory sub-committee of Cabinet, has completed its work and has stood down. Cabinet endorsed the Recovery Strategy at a special meeting on 15 September.</p>
1.03	<p>Cabinet invited each of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees to support recovery in their respective portfolio areas, and specifically to have oversight of:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The portfolio risk register(s) and the risk mitigation actions both live and planned;2. The objectives for recovery for the portfolio(s);3. The immediate strategic priorities for recovery for the portfolio(s) extracted from the draft Council Plan for 2020/21; and4. The set of revised performance indicator targets for the portfolio(s) for 2020/21.
1.04	<p>The latest version of the risk register (Appendix 1) and table of risk mitigations (Appendix 2) for the Streetscene and Transportation portfolio are attached.</p>
1.05	<p>An update on the recovery objectives for the Streetscene and Transportation portfolio is shown below:</p> <p>Streetscene and Transportation</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Consolidate the Streetscene working standards at pre-COVID levels <p>Update December 2020. The service continues to work towards achievement of all the previously member approved Streetscene standards</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">2. Return workforce to standardised hours to ensure effective use of available resource. <p>Update December 2020. All staff are now employed on their contractual</p>

working hours with the exception of the winter maintenance team who are on home standby to avoid contamination and in order protect the delivery of this critical service.

3. Manage the recovery of the local bus network across the County while developing sustainable transport methods (Local travel Arrangements; Demand Responsive Services).

Update December 2020. The service is supporting the delivery of local transport arrangements across the County however, it is set against a backdrop of low utilisation levels and reducing commercial services on some routes.

4. Enable the recovery of waste and recycling performance through education, behavioural change campaigns and enhanced enforcement.

Update December 2020. Recycling quantities, in common with all other waste streams, have significantly increased since the start of the pandemic as more people work from home. Recycling levels have however fallen due to the closure of Household Recycling Centres (HRCs) during the early stages of the emergency. The suspension of side-waste enforcement has been extended until after Christmas however, we continue to monitor excessive quantities and advisory letters are being sent to the residents in such properties. The Council achieved the latest WG recycling target of 64% in 2019/20 - we achieved 66% which was 2% below the previous year's figure.

5. Develop Household Recycling Centres, working in partnership with charitable organisations to develop site "adoption" principles, to encourage re-use and recycling.

Update December 2020. Discussions with interested charities have been put on hold due to the difficulties in allowing volunteers to attend the sites, due to the current travel restrictions. No change

6. Progress the development of waste infrastructure to support increased recycling potential.

Update December 2020. The project to develop Standard Industrial Estate Waste Transfer Station is progressing, with funding approved for 2020/21 with the balance required in 2021/22. Construction work is expected to commence in early 2021, however, to speed up the construction period, the Standard site will cease to operate during early December to allow the demolition and contract preparation work to commence. A plan to improve the facilities at the waste treatment plant in Greenfield has received Capital funding and is planned to commence in spring 2021.

7. Deliver the in-year Welsh Government (WG) funded transport schemes

Update December 2020. All of the WG funded projects are on-track to complete within the Welsh Government funding windows. No change

8. Develop initiatives to increase active travel (walking; cycling) for localised journeys linking to town centre to support recovery.

	<p>Update December 2020. The Council has been successful in the bid for significant WG stimulus funding to support town centre regeneration. All of the schemes include Active Travel infrastructure at their core. No change</p> <p>9. Maintain the highway network during the winter period</p> <p>Update December 2020. Inspection regimes are in place to protect the network condition during the winter period. The winter maintenance arrangements, which will deal with adverse weather conditions and the impact on the network, are in place which will ensure the Council delivers on our statutory responsibilities in this respect. There has been 3 winter gritting runs already during November, the scheme operated without issue.</p>
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2.00	RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS
2.01	There are no specific resource implications from this report. The service is experiencing additional costs across a number of service areas, which are being claimed through WG funding bids.

3.00	CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED / CARRIED OUT
3.01	None specific as this report is based on documented response and recovery work.

4.00	RISK MANAGEMENT
4.01	This report specifically covers emergency situation risk management.

5.00	APPENDICES
5.01	Appendix 1 - The latest version of the risk register Appendix 2 - Risk mitigation actions

6.00	LIST OF ACCESSIBLE BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS
6.01	None. Contact Officer: Stephen Jones Telephone: 01352 704700 E-mail: stephen.o.jones@flintshire.gov.uk