

CABINET

Date of Meeting	Tuesday, 20 th October 2020
Report Subject	Response to the Recovery Strategy from Overview & Scrutiny
Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Corporate Management & Assets
Report Author	Head of Democratic Services
Type of Report	Strategic

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At the special meeting on 15th September, Cabinet approved the Recovery Strategy for consultation with Overview & Scrutiny.

A sequence of special meetings of Overview & Scrutiny committees was held between 21st and 28th September. At each of those meetings, a full presentation on the Recovery Strategy was given by the chief executive, supported by colleagues.

Cabinet had invited each of the Overview & 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.

At each Committee, the Strategy and the four points above were entirely supported.

It was recognised that the Committees assuming this important oversight role was in itself part of the recovery strategy for resumption of full democratic governance.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1	That Cabinet welcomes the support of the Overview & Scrutiny committees for the Recovery Strategy.
2	That Cabinet recognises that the Forward Work programmes of the five Overview & Scrutiny committees are being rebuilt on the basis of the Recovery Planning and Risk Management at their core, with other issues confined to statutory and cyclical issues.
3	That the Recovery Strategy as outlined in the presentation to the Overview & Scrutiny committees be published on the Council's website for wider public attention and assurance.

REPORT DETAILS

1.00	RESPONDING TO THE EMERGENCY RECOVERY STRATEGY
1.01	<p>Between 21st and 28th September, each of the five Overview & Scrutiny Committees considered the Corporate Recovery Strategy. The key elements of the strategy, as listed below were supported.</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>It was recognised that Cabinet had invited each of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees to support the 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.
1.03	<p>At each meeting, Members received details of the Recovery Strategy which were specific to the remit of their committee. The presentation to and responses to questions asked at Corporate Resources on 28th September recognised that committee's wider role.</p>

1.04	Each of the committees recognised and accepted the gravity and enormity of the task ahead of them. The challenges for each committee, as listed in paragraph 1.02 above were accepted with alacrity.
1.05	Each Committee agreed to rebuild its Forward Work Programme for the remainder of the municipal year with Recovery Planning and Risk Management at its core. During each of the five meetings, Members asked a number of questions and sought clarification on some issues. No specific risks were identified by the committees as requiring their particular attention.
1.06	The committees were all appreciative of the work undertaken during the emergency, and to produce the Recovery Strategy. Particular recognition and thanks was given to the Chief Executive and his senior colleagues for their respective roles.

2.00	RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS
2.01	There are no specific resource implications from this report.

3.00	CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT
	Not applicable for this report.

4.00	RISK MANAGEMENT
4.01	Not applicable for this report.

5.00	APPENDICES
5.01	None.

6.00	LIST OF ACCESSIBLE BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS
6.01	Minutes of each of the O&SCs meeting between 21 st and 28 th September 2020.

7.00	CONTACT OFFICER DETAILS
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8.00	GLOSSARY OF TERMS
8.01	No unfamiliar or technical terms have been used in this report.