



Report of the Chair

Scrutiny Programme Committee – 25 August 2020

Update on COVID-19 Recovery Planning

Purpose:	The Committee will receive update on, and discuss, the Council's COVID-19 recovery planning.
Content:	The Leader of the Council, Councillor Rob Stewart, and the Chief Executive, Phil Roberts, will report to the Committee. Also attending to assist the Committee will be Martin Nicholls, Director of Place, and Jeff Dong, Deputy Chief Finance Officer. This covering report outlines the broad themes that may be covered by the Committee.
Councillors are being asked to:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ask questions, and make comments and recommendations as necessary.
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1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Scrutiny Programme Committee's previous meeting in July enabled committee members to get an update on the Council's COVID-19 response and recovery planning. The committee heard from the Leader of the Council, the Chief Executive, and Director of Place.
- 1.2 Questions were asked around the current COVID-19 position in terms of local public health; the key decisions made by the Executive Control Group as part of emergency planning arrangements; developments with the Test, Trace & Protect service; recovery planning; and current challenges.

- 1.3 The Committee wrote to the Leader of the Council following the meeting on the key findings and its reflections on the discussion. This letter is ***attached***.
- 1.4 The meeting today continues the discussion about the Council's recovery planning, which is underway. The Leader of the Council, Councillor Rob Stewart, has been invited to attend, along with the Chief Executive, Director of Place, and Chief Finance Officer.
- 1.5 The session will be expected to cover:
 - The different recovery themes
 - Priorities within each recovery theme
 - Overview of status / progress in relation to activity in each area
 - Current challenges

2. Legal Implications

- 2.1 There are no legal implications from this report.

3. Financial Implications

- 3.1 There are no financial implications from this report.

Background Papers: None

Appendices:

Appendix 1 – Letter to Councillor Rob Stewart, Leader of the Council, dated 28 July 2020