



Report of the Chair

Scrutiny Programme Committee – 17 November 2020

Update on COVID-19 Response & Recovery Planning

Purpose:	The Committee will receive update on, and discuss, the Council's COVID-19 response and recovery planning.
Content:	The recently agreed Cabinet report, 'Managing the Present and Shaping the Future Swansea Council – From Recovery to Transformation', is included for discussion. The Chief Executive, Phil Roberts, and other senior officers will report to 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 meeting in August enabled Committee members to receive an update on the Council's COVID-19 response and recovery planning. The Committee heard from the Leader of the Council, the Chief Executive, Director of Place, and Deputy Chief Finance Officer. The Committee also discussed a report on the response of the West Glamorgan Regional Health & Social Care Partnership, which focussed on Care Homes.
- 1.2 Questions were asked around the latest COVID-19 position in terms of local public health and impact made by Test, Trace & Protect Service; progress with recovery planning and key challenges and risks.

- 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, together with the Leader's response, is **attached**.
- 1.4 The meeting today continues the discussion about the Council's response, and particularly recovery planning following the Cabinet's agreement of a report on plans and priorities to support organisational, economic and social recovery and future transformation of the Council. The Council's Chief Executive, Phil Roberts, and other senior officers will report to the Committee.

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 / from Councillor Rob Stewart, Leader of the Council

Appendix 2 – Cabinet report 15 October 2020 'Managing the Present and Shaping the Future Swansea Council – From Recovery to Transformation'