

ENVIRONMENT & ECONOMY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting	Monday 21 st September, 2020
Report Subject	Recovery Strategy (Planning, Environment and Economy Portfolio)
Cabinet Member	Leader of the Council and Collective Cabinet
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Type of Report	Strategic

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Council is developing a corporate Recovery Strategy for the pandemic emergency situation.

This work has 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 is due to endorse the Recovery Strategy at a special meeting on 15th September. Cabinet will be inviting 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 and the risk mitigation actions both live and planned;
2. The objectives for recovery for the portfolio;
3. The immediate strategic priorities for recovery for the portfolio extracted from the draft Council Plan for 2020/21; and
4. The set of revised performance indicator targets for the portfolio for 2020/21.

Special dates have been set for all five Overview and Scrutiny Committees to meet in late September. The Committees assuming this important oversight role is in itself part of the recovery strategy for resumption of full democratic governance.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1	That the Committee gives oversight to the recovery planning for the Planning, Environment and Economy portfolio.
2	That the Committee rebuilds a forward work programme for the remainder of the 2020/21 Council year with recovery planning at its core.

REPORT DETAILS

1.00	EMERGENCY RECOVERY
1.01	<p>The Council is developing 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 is an advisory sub-committee of Cabinet, has completed its work and has stood down. The Board has met seven times in quick succession and has received multiple reports and presentations. Cabinet is due to endorse the Recovery Strategy at a special meeting on 15 September.</p>
1.03	<p>Cabinet will be inviting 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 and the risk mitigation actions both live and planned;2. The objectives for recovery for the portfolio;3. The immediate strategic priorities for recovery for the portfolio extracted from the draft Council Plan for 2020/21; and4. The set of revised performance indicator targets for the portfolio for 2020/21.
1.04	<p>The full latest version of the risk register and set of risk mitigation actions for the Planning, Environment and Economy portfolio within the terms of reference of this Committee is attached. The full set of strategic priorities for recovery recommended for extraction from the draft Council Plan for 2020/21 and inclusion in the Recovery Strategy is attached, as are the full set of revised performance indicator targets for 2020/21.</p>

1.05	<p>The recovery objectives for the Planning, Environment and Economy portfolio as established in July 2020 and relevant to this Committee are:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Re-instatement of Planning Strategy Group and Planning Committee 2. Re-opening of destination sites – Wepre Park, Greenfield Valley, Waun y Llyn 3. Re-instatement of maintenance regimes for sites and paths 4. Compliance with new Local Development Plan timeline 5. Provision of business support service meeting needs of Flintshire businesses 6. Support for our local markets and town centres 7. Incorporation of social value into our procurement frameworks and contracts 8. Provision of employability support available to local residents 9. Meeting our Community and Business Protection statutory and enforcement duties in relation to Covid 19 10. Work with our regional and local partners to support victims of (Violence against women, domestic abuse and sexual violence) VAWDASV 11. Reinstatement of officer site visits where appropriate 12. Recommencement of all grant funded capital projects 13. Undertaking of Ash Dieback surveys 14. Restoration of the Development Management function
1.06	<p>Special dates have been set for all five Overview and Scrutiny Committees to meet in late September. The Committees assuming this important oversight role is in itself part of the recovery strategy for resumption of full democratic governance.</p>

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

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	<p>Appendix 1 – The full latest version of the risk register for the Planning, Environment and Economy portfolio within the terms of reference of this Committee.</p> <p>Appendix 2 – The full latest version of the risk mitigation actions for the Planning, Environment and Economy portfolio within the terms of reference of this Committee.</p> <p>Appendix 3 – The full set of strategic priorities for recovery recommended for extraction from the draft Council Plan for 2020/21 and inclusion in the Recovery Strategy.</p> <p>Appendix 4 – The full set of revised performance indicator targets for 2020/21.</p>

6.00	LIST OF ACCESSIBLE BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS
6.01	<p>None.</p> <p>Contact Officer: Colin Everett Telephone: 01352 702101 E-mail: chief.executive@flintshire.gov.uk</p>