

## ENVIRONMENT AND ECONOMY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

<b>Date of Meeting</b>	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> October 2020
<b>Report Subject</b>	Recovery Strategy Update (Streetscene and Transportation Portfolio)
<b>Cabinet Member</b>	Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Streetscene
<b>Report Author</b>	Chief Executive and Chief Officer (Streetscene and Transportation)
<b>Type of Report</b>	Strategic

### 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"><li>1. The chronology of the emergency response phase and transition to recovery</li><li>2. The handover arrangements or recovery</li><li>3. Organisational recovery of the corporate organisation</li><li>4. Community recovery of the communities we serve</li><li>5. Strategic priorities and performance for the remainder of 2020/21</li><li>6. The roles the Council will play in regional recovery</li><li>7. The democratic governance of recovery</li></ol>
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"><li>1. The portfolio risk register(s) and the risk mitigation actions both live and planned;</li><li>2. The objectives for recovery for the portfolio(s);</li><li>3. The immediate strategic priorities for recovery for the portfolio(s) extracted from the draft Council Plan for 2020/21; and</li><li>4. The set of revised performance indicator targets for the portfolio(s) for 2020/21.</li></ol>
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><b>Streetscene and Transportation</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Consolidate the Streetscene working standards at pre-COVID levels</li></ol> <p><b>Update October 2020.</b> The service is now working towards achievement of all the member approved Streetscene Standards. The outturn will be reported in the Quarter 2 performance report</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>2. Return workforce to standardised hours to ensure effective use of available resource.</li></ol> <p><b>Update October 2020.</b> The frontline operational workforce returned to their contracted working hours and normal shift patterns from 5<sup>th</sup> October 2020. This will increase workforce availability and resilience as we move into the winter period.</p>

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

**Update October 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 October 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 fallen due to the closure of Household Recycling Centres (HRC) during the early stages of the emergency and the suspension of side-waste enforcement. WG publicity campaigns, which have been supported by the Council and the resumption of warning notices for properties presenting high levels of side waste will result in an improvement in recycling levels during the last two quarters of the year.

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

**Update October 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.

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

**Update October 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. A plan to improve the facilities at the waste treatment plant in Greenfield is planned to commence in spring 2021.

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

**Update October 2020.** All of the WG funded projects are on-track to complete within the Welsh Government funding windows.

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

**Update October 2020.** The Council has recently bid for significant WG stimulus funding to support town centre regeneration. All of the schemes include Active Travel infrastructure at their core.

9. Maintain the highway network during the winter period

**Update October 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.
1.06	<p>The strategic priorities for recovery, recommended for extraction from the draft Council Plan for 2020/21 and inclusion in the Recovery Strategy are attached (Appendix 3).</p> <p>The revised performance indicator targets for 2020/21 are attached (Appendix 4) and the performance against these targets will be reported at Quarter 2.</p>

<b>2.00</b>	<b>RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS</b>
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.

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

<b>4.00</b>	<b>RISK MANAGEMENT</b>
4.01	This report specifically covers emergency situation risk management.

<b>5.00</b>	<b>APPENDICES</b>
5.01	<p>Appendix 1 - The latest version of the risk register</p> <p>Appendix 2 - Risk mitigation actions</p> <p>Appendix 3 – Portfolio priorities from Council Plan</p> <p>Appendix 4 – Portfolio performance indicators targets</p>

<b>6.00</b>	<b>LIST OF ACCESSIBLE BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS</b>
6.01	<p>None.</p> <p><b>Contact Officer:</b> Stephen Jones  <b>Telephone:</b> 01352 704700  <b>E-mail:</b> <a href="mailto:stephen.o.jones@flintshire.gov.uk">stephen.o.jones@flintshire.gov.uk</a></p>