

**Customer & Corporate Services Scrutiny
Management Committee**

6 July 2020

Report of the Director of Governance

City of York Council Recovery and Renewal Strategy

Summary

1. This report presents, at Annex 1, the Council's Recovery and Renewal Strategy, outlining the proposed approach to support York's recovery from the Covid 19 pandemic over the coming year. At its meeting on 25 June 2020, the Executive considered and broadly approved this strategic approach.

Background

2. This is the second public meeting of this Committee since the nation began lockdown in response to the worldwide pandemic. At its first meeting on the same day, the Committee was asked to reflect upon how the Council and in part the City responded to the pandemic in terms of its impact on York and its residents;
3. At this meeting and in relation to this item, the Committee has a separate opportunity to look forward and comment upon the recovery work and plan endorsed by the Executive and annexed to this report.

Consultation

4. No specific consultation was required on the preparation of this report. However, all Scrutiny Committee Chairs have been involved in the development of the agenda for this meeting, considering it invaluable for this Committee to recommence its work, as lockdown eases, with an understanding of what the landscape post Covid 19 looks like.
5. The Deputy Chief Executive, Director of Public Health and relevant Corporate Directors have been invited to attend this second meeting to

present an overview of the corporate plans for recovery, paying particular regard to public health.

Format of Meeting

6. Firstly, the Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Public Health will give an introductory overview, highlighting the key elements of York's recovery in line with the agreed Strategy. Then, the Corporate Director of Economy & Place will give a short summary presentation on the plans for economic recovery of the city, followed by a short reflection from the Council's Section 151 Officer and Director of Governance on the financial aspects and decision making process moving forward during this period.
7. The Chair will facilitate general questions being put by Members, following on from each presentation.

Options

8. There are no specific options before the Committee, as this business presents an opportunity for Members to consider and identify any future business for scrutiny arising from the recovery plans, in light of the information contained in Annex 1 and of the presentations to be made by relevant Corporate Directors.

Analysis

9. No further analysis is necessary in relation to the issue before the Committee, other than the information contained in Annex 1.

Council Plan 2019-23

10. The Covid 19 pandemic is material to all aspects of the current Council Plan, given that it has impacted upon and will continue to impact upon, as the Council and City emerge through recovery, the delivery of Council and City services.

Implications

11. The relevant implications associated with consideration of this important issue are addressed in Annex 1, which sets out the Council's response to Covid 19.
12. In terms of legal implications associated with decision making, the Government enacted emergency rules giving Councils powers to

establish remote meetings, as of 4 April 2020. This Council's provisions can be found from the front page of the City of York Council website.

Risk Management

13. Any appropriate risks associated with or arising from the Council's response to the pandemic are identified in Annex 1.

Recommendations

14. Members are asked to consider the information received, at Annex 1, and from the presentations made at the meeting, and identify any future business for scrutiny in relation to the Council's recovery plans.

Reason: To ensure that proper and effective scrutiny is in place in relation to the Council's response to Covid 19.

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Background Papers: None

Annexes

Annex 1 – Council's Response to Covid 19 considered by the Executive on 25 June 2020