

ASHFIELD DISTRICT COUNCIL



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Agenda

COVID-19 Recovery Scrutiny Panel

Date: **Thursday, 4th November, 2021**

Time: **7.00 pm**

Venue: **Committee Room, Council Offices, Urban Road,
Kirkby-in-Ashfield**

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COVID-19 Recovery Scrutiny Panel

Membership

Chairman: Councillor Will Bostock
Vice-Chairman: Councillor David Hennigan

Councillors:
Jim Blagden Dale Grounds
Kevin Rostance Dave Shaw
Caroline Wilkinson

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SUMMONS

You are hereby requested to attend a meeting of the COVID-19 Recovery Scrutiny Panel to be held at the time/place and on the date mentioned above for the purpose of transacting the business set out below.



Theresa Hodgkinson
Chief Executive

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AGENDA

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1. To receive apologies for absence, if any.
2. Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary or Personal Interests and/or Non-Registrable Interests.
3. To receive and approve as a correct record the minutes of a meeting of the Panel held on 27 July 2021. 5 - 12
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COVID-19 RECOVERY SCRUTINY PANEL

Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Urban Road, Kirkby-in-Ashfield,

on Tuesday, 27th July, 2021 at 7.00 pm

Present: Councillor Jim Blagden in the Chair;

Councillors Will Bostock, Dale Grounds,
David Hennigan, Kevin Rostance, Dave Shaw
and Caroline Wilkinson.

Officers Present: Lynn Cain, Ruth Dennis, Mike Joy and
Shane Wright.

In Attendance: Councillor Jason Zadrozny.

CP.1 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary or Personal Interests and/or Non-Registrable Interests

No declarations of interest were made.

CP.2 Minutes

RESOLVED

that the minutes of the meeting of the Panel held on 2 February 2021, be
received and approved as a correct record.

CP.3 Covid-19 Recovery

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave a brief synopsis of the work the Panel had undertaken thus far in relation to the Council's response to the Covid-19 pandemic. He reiterated that there was still a long recovery road ahead for everyone and the Panel's role was now to listen, learn and provide ideas, suggestions and recovery initiatives to Cabinet for consideration.

It was noted by all present at the meeting that the name of the Panel had been changed slightly to reflect the new priority of 'recovery' as opposed to the initial 'response' phase in the early days of the pandemic.

Part of the report presented to Members included some excellent data and service updates which had been received in respect of the following:

Collection Rates and Grant Payment Information
Environmental Health and Commercial and Environmental Protection
Neighbourhoods and Environment
Cemeteries
Parks and Open Spaces
Town Centres and Markets
Governance.

The Chairman wanted to place on record and personally thank all officers who had worked so tirelessly through the pandemic; Ashfield District Council had been exemplary in its response to the pandemic and went above and beyond to protect and support its residents and business communities through the lockdown periods.

Panel Members were also requested to note the Covid-19 guidance and restrictions update, as included in the report, and the ongoing efforts to roll out the vaccine programme which was at the heart of the nation's recovery. It was acknowledged that Covid-19 was something that people would have to ultimately learn to live with and Step Four of the Government's Roadmap was asking for everyone to continue to act carefully and remain cautious.

The Scrutiny Research Officer expanded on the Covid-19 guidance and restrictions update and reiterated that Covid-19 was something that people would have to ultimately learn to live with for the foreseeable future.

Businesses were now re-opening and being encouraged by local authorities to follow the principles set out in the working safely guidance. It was hoped that footfall in Ashfield's town centres would now pick up and the Council was promoting many initiatives to welcome people back and increase confidence within local communities to use the facilities.

Finance Team

In relation to the service updates, the Finance Team had submitted data regarding collection rates, business rate reliefs, business grants, council tax hardship payments and Test & Trace applications and payments. The Council had been very successful in administering the range of grants and had continually supported the business community through the pandemic.

Whilst discussing the current position in relation to the Test & Trace App, the Director of Legal and Governance (and Monitoring Officer) advised the Panel that as restrictions continued to be loosened, the Council had been advised through its Strategic Cell meetings that exemptions to isolation for critical workers (i.e., refuse and housing repairs staff) could now be applied for on a temporary basis notwithstanding that it was still intended by Government to cease almost all isolation restrictions from 16 August 2021 onwards.

Environmental Health Team

The Environmental Health Team had been heavily involved with protecting the safety of businesses and residents through proactively engaging with local businesses in relation to the ever-changing regulations and subsequent compliance.

At the start of the pandemic over 900 food outlets were contacted to ensure the right measures and controls were in place and during the pandemic almost 3,000 requests had been dealt with. The Team had also recently secured a dedicated Food Officer until March 2022 to undertake food inspections at higher risk premises and clear the backlog of inspections delayed due to the pandemic.

Neighbourhood and Environment Team

The Neighbourhood and Environment service had continued to deliver all its services although there had been times when staff shortages had been of concern due to many employees having to isolate due to being 'pinged' by the Test & Trace App.

Management had been proactive in the early days of the pandemic by instructing all managers to complete a daily electronic 'Sit Rep' sheet detailing the working arrangements and location of their staff for each day (i.e., in the office, working from home or isolation). Data from the capture of such information had shown that the Council had started turning the corner recently in relation to employee availability for work.

Cemeteries Team

A full service had been in place for the duration of the pandemic lockdowns and thankfully demand due to Covid-19 related deaths didn't subsequently materialise.

Town Centres and Markets Team

With the ending of restrictions and the subsequent reduction in Government guidance the number of Covid Information Officer roles had now decreased. Just the Senior Covid Information Officer (Ian Rotherham) currently remained with this role being concluded at the end of September 2021. The focus now was on reinvigorating the town centres and reviving the economy and a list of planned events included:

- Creation of an Arts Trail and Virtual Arts Festival
- Bringing Music to the High Street – evening event
- Promotion of local exhibitors
- Food Festival in Hucknall
- Painting of columns and high street furniture in Sutton
- Street entertainers on market days
- Christmas tree displays on shop frontages
- Improving flower displays.
- Deep scrub and clean of pavements
- Repair of streetlights and street furniture at Sutton
- Installation of cross street bunting where possible
- Smaller market stalls for easier positioning and tabletop sales on market days
- Monthly plant fairs
- Small fairground rides for town centre locations
- Seeking out of Farmer Market operators.

Footfall was increasing in all of the town centres with both Sutton and Hucknall achieving pre-Covid levels, but Kirkby was still struggling to achieve its previous rates of footfall at the current time. Retail provision had, however, shown a significant increase with 31 new takeaway shops and 52 new or repurposed shops overall. Members welcomed the information and suggested that it might be an idea to consider town centre re-invigoration in more detail at a future meeting.

Housing Team

Although not outlined in the report, the Scrutiny Research Officer gave a verbal update in relation to the Housing function and advised that staff had found agile working had assisted delivery of their service and relationships with private sector landlords continued to be forged. Officers were keeping a close eye on evictions to enable staff to offer support and guidance to any persons finding themselves homeless as required.

Poorly managed Houses of Multiple Occupation (HMOs) had been prioritised and the Team were working with landlords and in partnership, to raise standards of living for tenants wherever possible. Three housing posts were current out for recruitment and the Housing Register continued to expand with over 4,000 people now on the waiting list and in need of suitable rental accommodation.

Governance Team

The team were now back to facilitating 'face to face' Council, Cabinet and Committee meetings and had relaxed the two metre distance guidelines including the mandatory wearing of face masks in meetings. The Scrutiny function continued at pace with current reviews looking at climate change and tenancy support.

The Service Manager, Scrutiny and Democratic Services took the opportunity to address the Panel and reminded Members that the Scrutiny and Democratic Services Team had delivered a full service during the pandemic via virtual meetings and live streaming on the YouTube platform.

All external virtual meetings had now ceased as the temporary legislation to enable this had expired on 6 May 2021 although informal and internal meetings were still being held virtually (or as a hybrid version of both virtual and face-to-face) as required.

The Elections Team had delivered a PCC and County Council election with full Covid-19 restrictions still in place and had worked tirelessly to ensure safe and secure environments were in place for all voters across the District.

The Legal Team had continued to provide a full service of support to the Council throughout the pandemic although many court cases were currently being held in abeyance as court hearings had been suspended during the pandemic lockdowns. The Risk and Emergency Planning Team had also provided an exemplary service during the pandemic and had kept abreast of the ever-changing regulations with a determined focus on keeping Ashfield as safe as possible throughout.

The Director of Legal and Governance (and Monitoring Officer) considered that the Council was now moving positively into the recovery phase of the pandemic and meetings with the various Nottinghamshire strategy groups and cells were still taking place to guide and assist with this next transition. Covid recovery was now a weekly standing item on the Corporate Leadership Team agendas (CLT) and the recently compiled Annual Governance Statement contained detailed explanations as to how the Council had worked through the early stages of the pandemic from March to June 2020.

Virtual meetings had been a vital part of the Council's response to the pandemic and had allowed business to continue. A recovery programme for the Council was now embedded in the Corporate Plan and would remain a priority for some time to come.

Members thanked officers for their update and debated the current position as follows:

- acknowledgement that the Council needed to stay abreast of the vaccination take-up rates and continue to focus on areas of poor uptake to encourage vaccination across all age ranges
- a suggestion that an update on vaccination rates within Ashfield be presented to each Panel meeting
- huge appreciation and gratitude for the work undertaken by the Covid Information Officers over the past few months
- whilst recovery of town centres was vital, it was important that the Council did not ignore recovery of the smaller towns like Huthwaite, Stanton Hill and Selston
- recognition of the incredible delivery of the vaccination programme at the local centres by staff and volunteers alike
- concerns regarding fake and misleading news in relation to vaccinations for younger age groups and how the Council might mitigate against this on a local level, whilst encouraging uptake in Ashfield.

Forthcoming Work Programme

To endeavour to effectively plan the work of the Panel over the coming months, the Service Manager, Scrutiny and Democratic Services suggested that the work programme could stay in line with national themes and focus on Health, Economic and Social/Community recovery. From a local perspective the Council would be concentrating on community and economic recovery and then organisation recovery as required.

To ensure the Panel gave adequate time and consideration to each theme it was suggested that the work programme should be made up of both formal and information meetings to work through the recovery priorities effectively.

It was suggested that the Work Programme could be organised as follows:

Theme:	Considerations:
Economic	High Street and Town Centre Recovery. Long-term effects of Covid pandemic on local businesses. (Invite to Town Centres and Markets Manager to September 2021 meeting)

Community	Humanitarian Work. Continued contributions and assistance from the Voluntary Sector. Reduction in use of Foodbanks and its impact on residents.
Organisational	Service delivery to residents. Long-term financial impact to Authority. Organisational changes for employees.
Health	Updates on Vaccination Programme. Risks associated with low take up. Implications for longer term health of residents. Access to GP services and Doctors' surgeries.

RESOLVED that

- a) an informal Covid-19 Recovery Working Group meeting be arranged to take place before the next formal meeting of the Panel with a focus on economic recovery issues for the District;
- b) an invitation be extended to the Town Centres and Markets Manager to attend the informal Working Group meeting and assist Members with their deliberations as necessary;
- c) an update in relation to the Vaccination Programme and data regarding current 'take up' levels in areas of Ashfield be sourced and circulated electronically to Panel Members.

CP.4 Ashfield Commemorative Memorial - Verbal Update

The Chairman reminded Members that from its inception, the Covid-19 Response and Recovery Scrutiny Panel had wanted to create and install a fitting memorial to celebrate all key workers and their tireless efforts to keep people safe during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Further discussions had revealed the desire for the memorial to take the form of a commemorative bench and having spoken to the Leader of the Council, it was agreed in principle that there could be a commemorative bench located in each of the four areas of Ashfield (i.e., Sutton, Kirkby, Hucknall and the Rural Areas).

It was agreed that the Panel would come up with an initial design and having requested children at a local school in Hucknall to come up with some ideas, a design had been chosen and shown to Members at the meeting.

The Leader of the Council, in attendance at the meeting, confirmed that funding for the commemorative benches would not be a problem but suggested that the design would need further work and finessing by officers prior to any final design being agreed by Cabinet.

RESOLVED

that two preliminary recommendations be submitted to the next meeting Cabinet as follows:

- a) Cabinet be asked to identify funding for four commemorative benches to be located in suitable locations in Kirkby, Sutton, Hucknall, and the Rurals, as a tribute to the tireless efforts of key workers during the COVID-19 pandemic;
- b) following initial design suggestions by the COVID-19 Recovery Scrutiny Panel, further design work regarding the commemorative benches be commenced in line with identified funding.

The meeting closed at 8.23 pm

Chairman.

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Report To:	COVID-19 RECOVERY SCRUTINY PANEL
Date:	4 NOVEMBER 2021
Heading:	VACCINATION PROGRAMME
Portfolio Holder:	NOT APPLICABLE
Ward/s:	ALL
Key Decision:	NO
Subject to Call-In:	NO

Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to present the COVID-19 Recovery Scrutiny Panel with further information regarding the vaccination programme in Ashfield, as requested by the Panel at the previous meeting. This report includes details of latest COVID figures on the UK Coronavirus Dashboard, latest efforts to promote vaccination uptake in Ashfield, and details of the School Age Immunisation Service.

Recommendation(s)

COVID-19 Recovery Scrutiny Panel Members are recommended to:

- Discuss the progress of the vaccination programme in Ashfield.
- Discuss the challenges involved in reducing vaccine hesitancy and improving vaccination uptake in Ashfield.
- Consider ways in which the Council could assist with improving vaccination uptake in Ashfield.

Reasons for Recommendation(s)

The COVID-19 Recovery Scrutiny Panel was established to ensure the Council has robust recovery arrangements in place. Members of the Panel have identified the vaccination programme in Ashfield as a key area of interest in the wider recovery process of Ashfield. The Panel are particularly interested in how the Council can work with key partners to promote vaccination and improve vaccination uptake.

Alternative Options Considered

No alternative options have been considered.

Detailed Information

COVID FIGURES

Please see below some key statistics detailed on the Government's UK Coronavirus Dashboard, as of 27 October 2021.

Between 21 October 2021 and 27 October 2021, 541 people had a confirmed positive test result. This shows a decrease of -19.5% compared to the previous 7 days.

93,947 people have been given a first vaccination dose by the end of 25 October 2021.

86,520 people have given a second vaccination dose by the end of 25 October 2021.

There has been a total of 19,488 positive cases of COVID-19 in the Ashfield District since the pandemic began.

There were 428 coronavirus related deaths registered to 15 October.

Work is ongoing to increase vaccination rates across the Ashfield District. Members of the COVID-19 Recovery Scrutiny Panel are in touch with the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and the NHS to explore more ways of improving vaccination rates. This includes increasing visits of the vaccination bus.

There are heat maps available that are being used to target resources in areas with low vaccination levels such as Carsic and Stanton Hill. These heat maps can be viewed through the following link: <https://coronavirus.data.gov.uk/details/interactive-map/vaccinations>.

Since colleges re-opened for the new academic year, the NHS and CCG have worked with colleagues to provide additional onsite locations for local young adults to access the vaccination as part of the school age immunisation service (SAIS). 12 sessions have been delivered to local colleges and universities and it remains a priority to offer the vaccine to 12 – 18-year-olds. This priority continues to be included in planning moving forwards and new initiatives are developed continuously as government guidance and supply allows.

In relation to access, there is now a much wider provision of vaccination location options for the Ashfield population with a focus on significantly increasing local provision during phase 3 of the vaccination programme, moving from 1 local vaccination centre at Ashfield Health Village to a greater range of options for Ashfield communities with more vaccination sites delivered by GPs and community pharmacies.

These sites include:

- Ashfield Health Village
- Brierly Park
- Asda, Sutton in Ashfield
- Well Pharmacy

Residents can also access vaccinations at Mansfield and Pinxton Community Centre.

School Aged Immunisation Service

Within the Ashfield District, there are 7 Schools and 2 Special Schools. To date, vaccination activities have been delivered at all Secondary Schools and 1 of the Special Schools, resulting in 2368 children in the Ashfield District receiving the vaccination in a school setting.

Ashfield School was the first school within Nottinghamshire to welcome the SAIS vaccination team, with vaccinations administered on day 1 (22 September) and day 2 of the programme.

Children within Ashfield will be given choice in terms of where they can access a vaccination with the offer being extended to Vaccination Centres and Hospital Hubs.

Vaccinations are due to commence in the Mansfield Vaccination Centre and Kings Mill Hospital Hub week commencing 25 October and at the Forest Recreation Vaccination Centre week commencing 2 November. The SAIS in school vaccination programme will continue until week commencing 15 November.

VACCINATION UPTAKE

Panel Members should consider some of the key challenges with vaccination uptake, such as what issues cause vaccine hesitancy, factors that reduce hesitancy, and what works in increasing vaccination uptake.

Strategy to Increase Uptake and Equity of Access to the COVID 19 Vaccine was published in February 2021 by Public Health England South West Centre that sets out some of the main groups with lower vaccine uptake, key causes of vaccine hesitancy, and effective measures to counter hesitancy.¹ Although the strategy is aimed at areas in the South West of England, Members may consider some information within the strategy to be relevant.

Vaccine Hesitancy

As defined by the World Health Organisation, vaccine hesitancy is defined as 'a behaviour, influenced by a number of factors including issues of confidence (level of trust in vaccine provider), complacency (do not perceive a need for a vaccine, do not value the vaccine) and convenience (access). Most common reasons for not to have the vaccine includes not enough time to see what the side-effects might be or to test if the vaccine really works.

Listed in the strategy, factors that have been shown to improve vaccine uptake and reduce hesitancy include:

- Tackling negative misconceptions about vaccines including misinformation
- Utilising trusted healthcare professionals and community champions to address concerns about vaccine safety, side effects, and effectiveness.
- Improving access to vaccination clinics by utilising different settings and locations.
- Consideration of commonly cited reasons not to attend vaccination sessions such as language barriers, difficult appointment times, travel costs, and childcare needs.

¹ Public Health England South West Centre, *Strategy to Increase Uptake and Equity of Access to the COVID 19 Vaccine*, February 2021.

What works in increasing vaccination uptake?

The strategy continues to list some approaches to increasing vaccination uptake.

Tackling barriers to access:

- Limiting barriers to accessing vaccinations including providing a range of appointment times, locations, making venues easy and affordable to access
- Providing vaccinations in safe and familiar environments with the support of community leaders

Invites and reminders:

- Ensuring people receive timely invites, and appropriate reminders including text messaging where appropriate
- Ensuring IT systems flag when patients have been missed and these individuals are followed up

Trusted advice:

- Strong recommendations from healthcare professionals are effective in increasing uptake.
- Showing that healthcare professionals are being vaccinated helps to build trust
- Signposting to reliable online resources where people can learn more
- Utilising community champions and respected community leaders to promote the vaccine

Communications:

- Communications need to be clear and credible, increasing knowledge and correcting misinformation
- There should be open and transparent discussion about the safety, risks, and benefits of vaccinations
- Dialogue about the vaccination programme needs to manage expectations

Local leadership and engagement:

- Local engagement is key. Local systems should work with communities including faith groups, businesses, schools, and the third sector.
- Using social influences, including trusted community figures
- Using social networks and volunteer health roles

Implications

Corporate Plan:

The Panel continues to review the Council's response and recovery plans in line with the objectives set out within the refreshed Corporate Plan.

Legal:

There are no direct legal implications resulting from the recommendations in this report. Panel Members will be examining changes in legislation regarding COVID-19 restrictions.

Finance:

There are no direct financial implications resulting from the recommendations in this report. Details of collection rates and COVID-19 funding are included within the report.

Budget Area	Implication
General Fund – Revenue Budget	None.
General Fund – Capital Programme	
Housing Revenue Account – Revenue Budget	
Housing Revenue Account – Capital Programme	

Risk:

Risk	Mitigation
Failure to ensure robust and effective COVID-19 recovery plans are prepared and implemented.	The COVID-19 Recovery Scrutiny Panel will work with key officers and partners to ensure such plans.

Human Resources:

There are no direct HR implications resulting from the recommendations in this report.

Environmental/Sustainability:

There are no direct environmental or sustainability implications resulting from the recommendations in this report.

Equalities:

There are no direct equalities implications resulting from the recommendations in this report.

Other Implications:

There are no other implications resulting from the recommendations in this report.

Reason(s) for Urgency

None.

Reason(s) for Exemption

None.

Background Papers

None.

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Report To:	COVID-19 RECOVERY SCRUTINY PANEL
Date:	4 NOVEMBER 2021
Heading:	COVID-19 RECOVERY WORKPLAN
Portfolio Holder:	N/A
Ward/s:	ALL
Key Decision:	NO
Subject to Call-In:	NO

Purpose of Report

This report provides Members with a draft workplan for the Covid-19 Recovery Scrutiny Panel to review the suggested areas and topics of recovery for the Panel to consider. The previous workplan for this Panel was approved in July 2020 and included considerations relating to both response and recovery.

Following the annual meeting of Council in May 2021, the Panel's objective was revised to focus its efforts in areas of recovery, both for the Council and its services and the District as a whole.

Recommendation(s)

Members of the COVID-19 Recovery Scrutiny Panel are recommended to;

1. Review and consider the draft COVID-19 Recovery Scrutiny Panel workplan and its proposed focus and timelines.
2. Consider any additional areas for addition relating to recovery.
3. Approve the workplan.

Reasons for Recommendation(s)

The approval of a time managed workplan for the COVID-19 Recovery Scrutiny Panel, ensures that the work of the Panel continues to contribute constructively to the ongoing recovery strategy for both the District, the Council and the services delivered to residents.

Alternative Options Considered

No alternative options have been considered at this stage.

Detailed Information

The Covid 19 pandemic has had far-reaching consequences for Ashfield residents and businesses over the past 18 months. The previous workplan for the Panel included a focus on response in addition to recovery. Specific topic areas considered during this period included;

- Local response to COVID-19 Pandemic
- Recovery themes
- Small businesses and high street recovery
- Multi Agency working
- The People's Memorial

The Panel also considered the immediate response and recovery work being undertaken as part of the Local Authority Group and its sub thematic groups of Health, Humanitarian, Economy, Communications and Local Authority with a focus on the continued delivery of its Tier 1 and 2 services.

With the support of the Council's Corporate Leadership Team, the Panel also undertook a number of virtual fact finding sessions with local business and other key service providers including the Chief Executive of Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, the Area Inspector for Nottinghamshire Police and the Chairman of the Discover Ashfield Board, amongst others.

The objectives involved consideration of the impact of the pandemic on Ashfield residents and businesses, priority areas for local service providers, the challenges and future risks and how partnership working could assist with recovery.

DRAFT 2021-22 COVID RECOVERY SCRUTINY PANEL

Date of Meeting	Focus Theme	Attendees	Cabinet Update
4 November 2021 – Meeting of the Panel	Vaccinations and its role in recovery / Work Programme	Representatives from the CCG	7 December 2022
December 2021 - Informal Working Group – Date TBC	Local Business recovery journey update / case studies	Local businesses (1 year on) / Town Centres & Markets Manager	25 January 2022

10 February 2022 – Meeting of the Panel	Organisational update on recovery themes	Corporate Leadership Team / Leader of the Council	22 February 2022
March 2022 - Informal Working Group – Date tbc	Voluntary Sector Organisations	Voluntary Sector Representatives	29 March 2022
21 April 2022 – Meeting of the Panel	TBC Covid Recovery Plan? The Peoples Memorial	TBC	TBC

Members will note that a number of informal working groups have also been included in the Work Programme timetable to ensure that the Panel have sufficient meetings to meet with internal and external representatives to consider, analyse, plan and recommend recovery objectives, priorities and solutions.

Outcomes

Throughout the past 15 months, the COVID-19 Scrutiny Panel has provided an effective forum to engage the local community, businesses and local service provider leaders. In addition, the Panel have attended all Cabinet meetings to provide the Executive with ideas, recommendations, case studies, challenge and updates on issues discussed relating to response and recovery. Outcomes and influence of the Panel include amongst others:

- The challenges and views of local businesses being provided to Cabinet to help shape both the response and recovery journey.
- Business support information being made available to all Members and local businesses.
- Contributed to the development of the Economic Recovery Plan
- Immediate responsive action taking place regarding on street parking payment hygiene following concerns raised through the Panel Members.
- Approval for four commemorative benches to be funded across the District to celebrate the efforts of key workers during the pandemic.

Ensuring the Panel remains focused on its revised remit of recovery, it is essential Members give consideration to the anticipated objectives and outcomes of the proposed Work Programme.

Implications

Corporate Plan:

The Panel will continue to provide Cabinet with views, comments and recommendations reviewing in line with the refreshed Corporate Plan and the Council's ongoing recovery plans for the District, businesses and residents.

Legal:

There are no direct legal implications resulting from this report.

Finance:

There are no direct financial implications resulting from this report. Members will continue to consider the financial implications of the Pandemic and the ongoing economic recovery plans for the District.

Budget Area	Implication
General Fund – Revenue Budget	None Identified in this report.
General Fund – Capital Programme	
Housing Revenue Account – Revenue Budget	
Housing Revenue Account – Capital Programme	

Risk:

Risk	Mitigation
The impact and continued risk of the Pandemic has been incorporated into the Council's Corporate Risk Register, Corporate Plan and all Directorate Service Plans.	Monitoring and updating the COVID-19 related risks and recovery discussions through the Council's existing Corporate Risk Management processes and through the work of the COVID-19 Recovery Scrutiny Panel.

Human Resources:

There are no direct HR implications resulting from this report. Any HR implications identified will be considered appropriately.

Environmental/Sustainability

There are no direct environment or sustainability implications resulting from this report. Any environment or sustainability implications identified will be considered appropriately

Equalities:

There are no direct equalities implications resulting from this report. Any equalities implications identified will be considered appropriately.

Other Implications:

None.

Reason(s) for Urgency

None.

Reason(s) for Exemption

None.

Background Papers

[Minutes of the COVID-19 Recovery Panel – July 2020-2021](#)

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