

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

### **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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