



**REPORT of
DIRECTOR OF STRATEGY, PERFORMANCE AND GOVERNANCE**

**to
COUNCIL
6 AUGUST 2020**

**COVID-19 RESET AND RECOVERY MEMBER WORKING GROUP - TERMS OF
REFERENCE**

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To seek Council approval for the Terms of Reference of the Covid-19 Reset and Recovery Member Working Group.

2. RECOMMENDATION

That the Council approves the Terms of Reference Covid-19 Reset and Recovery Member Working Group.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 At its meeting on 16 July 2020, the Council agreed the formation of the Covid-19 Reset and Recovery Member Working Group. This Group will consider and inform the work being undertaken to develop a Covid-19 Corporate Reset and Recovery Plan.
- 3.2 At its first meeting on 3 August 2020 the Covid-19 Reset and Recovery Member Working Group agreed the draft Terms of Reference for the group. The Terms of reference will be circulated to the Council following the meeting of the Working Group.

4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1 The Terms of Reference will outline the role of the Covid 19- Reset and Recovery Member Working Group enabling Member input into the development of the Councils Covid Recovery Plan and support the Council in resolving the wider impacts and opportunities created through the current challenges.

5. IMPACT ON STRATEGIC THEMES

- 5.1 As outlined above the impact of Covid-19 is acute and wide ranging, and impacts a number of strategic themes, creating both challenges and opportunities to review the way we work.

6. IMPLICATIONS

- (i) **Impact on Customers** – The impact of Covid-19 has imposed major changes to the way in which the Council has service customers throughout the emergency. This has included significant channel shift, away from face-to-face or telephone contact, to online solutions. It is important that this change is reviewed to determine how services are provided in future.
- (ii) **Impact on Equalities** – . The impact of Covid has been seen to affect some groups more than others BAME communities for example. It is important that these issues are explored and addressed in the recovery plan.
- (iii) **Impact on Risk** –. A co-ordinated and cohesive recover plan will help to address the risks the Council is currently facing, which include financial risks based on loss of income due to the Covid emergency.
- (iv) **Impact on Resources (financial and human)** – As above the Covid emergency has had an impact on the financial and human resources of the Council and the work of the group will help to mitigate the impact as we go forward.
- (v) **Impact on the Environment** – One of the impacts of the Covid Emergency has been a positive impact on the environment, through the reduction of traffic and reduced industrial output. However there have been negative environmental impacts too including increased fly-tipping and litter. Whilst the proposals above do not impact directly, the emerging plan will address the environmental issues.
- (vi) **Impact on Strengthening Communities** – The partnership working and community response to Covid 19 was another positive impact and the Recovery Plan will seek to build upon the partnerships and shared objectives that have been established

Background papers: None.

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