

REPORT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

COVID-19 RECOVERY FRAMEWORK

Purpose of the Report

1. To seek Committee's approval for the Council's COVID-19 Recovery Framework.

Information

2. The COVID-19 Recovery Framework, which can be found at Appendix A, has been developed as a reference document for Members and stakeholders and seeks to describe in one document the full extent of the structures and approaches the Council has in place to manage the ongoing impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the county of Nottinghamshire and Nottinghamshire County Council.
3. As steps are being taken to ease the country out of the current regime of social distancing and restrictions, efforts to support recovery from the far-reaching impacts of the pandemic on communities, the economy and the County Council as an organisation have begun. However, uncertainty as to the evolution of the virus and the level of threat posed by new variants remains. This Framework demonstrates the flexible structures that are in place that are allowing the Council to prepare for and respond to changing needs.
4. In particular, this framework maps:
 - the structures the Council has in place internally and with partners to remain responsive to the pandemic through 2021/22.
 - the potential scenarios the Council could face in the coming months depending on the evolution of the virus.
 - how the organisational and socio-economic impacts of the virus are being analysed and understood to inform the Council's response and recovery planning.
 - how the Council's learning from the pandemic will be captured and embedded into future ways of working.
 - considerations for the long-term changes necessary to live with COVID-19 as the virus becomes endemic.

5. The Framework makes reference to the Economic Recovery Strategy and the role the County Council has to play in supporting the reopening of the economy, including efforts to restore the most impacted business sectors and encourage residents to shop local and make the most of Nottinghamshire's services, shops and leisure attractions.
6. This Framework underpins and paves the way for the new Council Plan that will be published in Autumn 2021. The Council Plan will map the steps the Council will take to support the immediate and long-term recovery priorities for the County. The priorities in the Council Plan will be based on the analysis of the impact of socio-economic impact of COVID-19 on Nottinghamshire's communities and engagement with residents and stakeholders. This will ensure that the Council directs its resources towards those activities that will make the most difference to residents and businesses and that our recovery efforts work towards achieving our long-term aspirations for Nottinghamshire.

Other Options Considered

7. This framework provides clarity on the response structures and approaches that are in place to respond and recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. No other options have been considered.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

8. Approval of the COVID-19 Recovery Framework is sought as it demonstrates how the County Council, alongside its partners has appropriately planned to manage the ongoing impact of COVID-19 on communities and the County Council, as well as the steps that will be taken to support recovery.

Statutory and Policy Implications

9. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, data protection and information governance finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (public health services), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and adults at risk, service users, smarter working, sustainability and the environment and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

RECOMMENDATION/S

It is recommended that the Committee:

- 1) Approves the COVID-19 Recovery Framework, which outlines the support structures and flexible approaches to managing the uncertainty of the COVID-19 pandemic through the remainder of 2021/22.

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Constitutional Comments (AK 18/06/2021)

10. This report falls within the remit of Policy Committee by virtue of its terms of reference.

Financial Comments (SES 18/06/2021)

11. There are no specific financial implications arising directly from this report.

Background Papers and Published Documents

- None

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

- All