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## Draft Derby Recovery Plan, Community Recovery and Better Together

### Purpose

- 1.1 Responding to, and living with, the impacts of Coronavirus (COVID-19) has represented one of the greatest challenges for a generation. Since the start of the pandemic, in March 2020, the Council and its partners has worked towards a common aim of supporting the city's response and recovery; mitigating risks and developing any opportunities emerging from the pandemic.
- 1.2 This item gives an update on several areas connected with the city's recovery from COVID-19 including:
  - **Draft Recovery Plan** which will be the focus of our partnership activity in response to COVID-19 to the end of March 2022. The draft plan is currently out to public consultation alongside the Council's budget proposals.
  - **Community Recovery including the Better Together programme** to build on the relationships, partnerships and ways of working that did the City so well throughout the pandemic.
- 1.3 A presentation will be given at the meeting.

### Recommendation

- 2.1 To note the recovery plans in place and to give comments on the draft Derby Recovery Plan as part of the wider consultation process.

### Reason

- 3.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board should play a key role in shaping a recovery plan for the city in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The recovery plan and proposals for community recovery seek to take advantage of the positive opportunities that arise, strengthen the resilience of our communities and businesses, and address the negative impacts of the pandemic, where possible.

### Supporting information

- 4.1 Partnership and community collaboration have been pivotal to the effective response to COVID-19. During 2020, the Derby Partnership Board was re-established to provide collective leadership for the city. A Community Recovery Board and Economic Task Force were also created in the wake of COVID-19 to support the city's recovery from the pandemic.

- 4.2 In December 2020, the Council published a draft Recovery Plan alongside its budget proposals for consultation which can be viewed here: [derby-city-council-budget-consultation-2021.pdf](#). The draft plan can also be found in **Appendix 1**.
- 4.3 The Recovery Plan is centred around supporting improved outcomes in three priority areas that align to our Council Plan 2019 - 2023 priorities:
- **Our place** – *‘a city with big ambitions’*
  - **Our people** – *‘a city of health and happiness’*
  - **Our council** – *‘focused on the things that matter’*
- 4.4 The ‘our people’ element of the plan focuses on community recovery, in particular, the Better Together approach, working closely with partners and community organisations to build resilience.
- 4.5 All partner outcome boards, including the Health and Wellbeing Board, are being asked to consider the Recovery Plan and provide feedback.
- 4.6 Following consultation, the final draft of the Recovery Plan will be reported to Cabinet in February 2021 and published by the end of March 2021.

### **Public/stakeholder engagement**

- 5.1 The outcomes within the plan have been identified through our partnership work, and the contents of the plan sets out how we will work to support improvements in these areas. The plan and supporting equality impact assessment will be subject to consultation.

### **Other options**

- 6.1 None identified at this stage.

### **Financial and value for money issues**

- 7.1 Commitments within the Recovery Plan have been appropriately aligned to the Council’s Medium-Term Financial Plan. The financial impacts of COVID-19 to the council are reported to Cabinet separately as part of our Financial Monitoring Reports.

### **Legal implications**

- 8.1 There is no statutory duty for a local authority to have a Recovery Plan, however there are many aspects of the Government’s Recovery approach that require the Council to deliver a statutory response.

### **Climate implications**

- 9.1 One of the outcomes identified in the plan is ‘decarbonisation’ with appropriate actions for improvement identified, which will be subject to quarterly monitoring and review.

## Other significant implications

- 10.1 A draft summary equality impact assessment has been completed to make sure that the plan supports improvements for all residents of Derby; with activity targeted in line with identified need.

This report has been approved by the following people:

Role	Name	Date of sign-off
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Background papers: List of appendices:	Appendix 1 – Draft Derby Recovery Plan 2021/22	