

## **Report to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

**Subject:** Response to the Covid19 Pandemic

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**Purpose:**

To enable members of the committee to consider the council's response to addressing the challenges and issues raised by the Covid19 Pandemic and to consider how the Reset Strategy can be used to best effect to improve the lives of residents of the borough.

**Recommendation(s)**

**That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee:**

- 1) Consider and discuss the Council's Reset Strategy**
- 2) Identify any issues about which the committee would like additional information; and**
- 3) Consider if there are any issues the committee would like to examine for inclusion in the 2020/21 work programme.**

**1 Background**

- 1.1 The World Health Organisation classed coronavirus as a pandemic on 11 March 2020 and as the Government introduced a range of suppression interventions so it became necessary for the Council to consider how to continue with service provision, the additional services necessary to look after the residents of Gedling and how to protect the staff it employs.
- 1.2 The Council developed an Emergency Planning and Humanitarian response. The focus was on meeting the immediate response to the pandemic and ensuring support to the most vulnerable in the borough, the safety of staff and the continuation of essential public services.
- 1.3 Members are recommended to view this document which provides an

overview the Council's response to the challenges presented by the virus.

<https://democracy.gedling.gov.uk/documents/s24001/Report%20to%20Cabinet%20Response%20Phase%20final%20100620.pdf>

- 1.4 In addition to this document the Senior Leadership Team developed a report that outlines the Council's approach to recovery from the pandemic and the key work streams that will underpin this work. The report to Cabinet which includes information relating decisions to reinstate services and the Reset Strategy are attached at **Appendix 1**. The list of decisions to reinstate services is also appended to this report.

This document lays out the steps that have already been taken to reinstate services, the approach proposed in respect of the five work streams which underpin the reset and how Gedling Plan priorities and actions have been reviewed due to the consequences of Covid 19.

- 1.5 It is proposed that as the Council moves into the next phase and the Council takes the opportunity not to simply return to normal but strives to 'build back better'. Members are requested to consider this document and identify if there are any issues for inclusion in the Overview and Scrutiny Committee work programme.

## **2 Financial Implications**

- 2.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report

## **3 Legal Implications**

- 3.1 There are no legal implications arising from this report

## **4 Equalities Implications**

- 4.1 There are no equalities implications arising from this report.

## **5 Carbon Reduction/Environmental Sustainability Implications**

- 5.1 There are no carbon reduction/sustainability implications arising from this report.

## **6 Appendices**

- 6.1 Appendix 1 - Reset Strategy Cabinet Report.

Appendix 2 - Covid 19 – The Council Reset strategy

Appendix 3 - List of decisions to reinstate services following Covid19