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COUNCIL

Minutes of a virtual Extraordinary Council meeting held at 5.00pm on Monday 09th November 2020.

Under Regulations made under the Coronavirus Act 2020, the meeting was held virtually. Members of the public were able to view the virtual meeting via the District Council's website at www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk or via our YouTube channel.

PRESENT

Councillor Richard FitzHerbert - In the Chair

Councillors: Jacqueline Allison, Robert Archer, Jason Atkin, Richard Bright, Matthew Buckler, Sue Bull, Martin Burfoot, Sue Burfoot, Neil Buttle, David Chapman, Paul Cruise, Tom Donnelly, Steve Flitter, Helen Froggatt, Chris Furness, Clare Gamble, Alyson Hill, Susan Hobson, David Hughes, Stuart Lees, Tony Morley, Michele Morley, Peter O'Brien, Garry Purdy, Mike Ratcliffe, Claire Raw, Lewis Rose OBE, Mark Salt, Andrew Shirley, Peter Slack, Andrew Statham, Alasdair Sutton, Steve Wain and Mark Wakeman.

Paul Wilson (Chief Executive), James McLaughlin (Director of Corporate and Customer Services), Steve Capes (Director of Regeneration and Policy), Karen Henriksen (Director of resources), Rob Cogings (Director of Housing) and Simon Johnson (Democratic Services Officer).

The meeting was recorded and broadcast live on YouTube.

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors: Elisa McDonagh and Joyce Pawley.

139/20 – COVID-19: DERBYSHIRE DALES ECONOMIC RECOVERY PLAN

Councillor Claire Raw and Councillor Mark Salt joined the meeting at 5.33pm during discussion of this item.

Councillor Robert Archer joined the meeting at 6.24pm during discussion of this item.

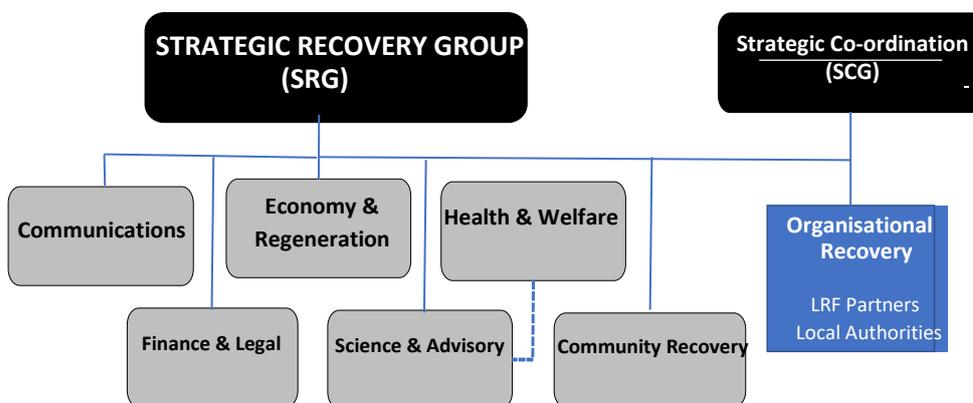
The Council considered a report seeking approval for a post COVID-19 Economic Recovery Plan for the District of Derbyshire Dales that links to the Local Plan and existing Corporate Plan and Economic Plan. The report also seeks approval for the associated actions as listed in the recommendations.

The District Council, as the principal place-shaping agency for the Derbyshire Dales, has a key role in leading the economic recovery of the district. The Emergency Committee on 11 June 2020 agreed to:

- 1) Conduct a rapid updating analysis of available data, to assess the resilience and impact of COVID-19 on different elements of the local economy, and to assess which elements might need more action to help stimulate a lasting economic recovery
- 2) Develop a Derbyshire Dales Recovery Plan, based on the recently-adopted Derbyshire Dales Economic Plan 2019-2033, underpinned by the economic assessment referred to in (1) that seeks to build a prosperous, sustainable economy. In doing so it would set out and prioritise both re-purposed and potential new interventions considered necessary, and what new resources are required to achieve these.

This work is not being carried out in isolation from that being undertaken in other agencies. Work has started at the D2N2 and county levels to plan for the recovery of the wider region. It is known from past experience that the needs of the Derbyshire Dales are unlikely to attract the highest priority in such plans. Despite best efforts from officers and Members, the Dales has in the past struggled to gain full potential from regional and county led activity. Nevertheless, the District Council participates fully in such activity and the Derbyshire Dales Economic Recovery Plan has benefitted from it.

The recovery ‘architecture’ in Derby and Derbyshire fits within the Local Resilience Framework, and comprises:



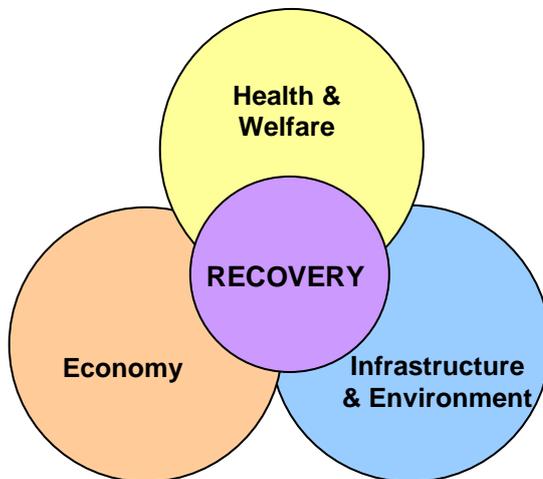
The Strategic Recovery Group is tasked to align recovery activity from COVID-19 in a way that makes the most of the opportunities that will come with new ways of living and working. Membership includes:

- County/City/District councils
- NHS England, and Public Health England
- Police, and Fire and Rescue Service
- Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government
- D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership
- Peak District National Park

District Council Officers participate actively in the Strategic Recovery Group and its sub-groups. Their work to date has been very helpful in shaping and informing this Derbyshire Dales Economic Recovery Plan. In order to help other agencies understand better the

needs of the Derbyshire Dales, the Rural Economy Position Statement (Appendix 1) has been prepared, which Members are asked to endorse.

The Strategic Recovery Framework for Derby and Derbyshire uses the following model to illustrate that recovery encompasses social, economic and environmental considerations:



Although Coronavirus itself is primarily a public health issue, lockdown has meant that this is very much an economic and a social crisis. The economy will feature front and centre in the Derbyshire Dales Recovery Plan, because businesses and jobs mean incomes and wellbeing. It has been well documented that high quality jobs lead to better living standards and COVID-19 has sharply highlighted the fact that poor living standards mean poor health and social problems. Therefore economic recovery is a key driver for social recovery.

In light of the recommendations, a request to defer Recommendation 3 was moved by Councillor Peter O'Brien seconded by Councillor Clare Gamble and was put to the vote as follows:

3. That Recommendation 3 be deferred, pending further information from Officers, on the supplementary revenue budget for any immediate revenue costs for the purposes of recruitment, up to £50,000 in 2020/21, to be financed from the Economic Development Reserve.

Voting:

For	3
Against	25
Abstentions	4

The Chairman declared the amendment LOST.

The substantive motion was then put to the vote, as follows:

It was moved by Councillor Garry Purdy, seconded by Councillor Tony Morley and

- RESOLVED**
1. The Derbyshire Dales COVID-19 Economic Recovery Plan is approved.
 2. Revenue costs be built into the draft budget for 2021/22 and Medium Term Financial Plan for consideration by Council in March 2021.

3. That a supplementary revenue budget be approved for any immediate revenue costs for the purposes of recruitment, up to £50,000 in 2020/21, to be financed from the Economic Development Reserve.
4. Capital funding for the Matlock Bakewell Road redevelopment scheme estimated at up to £800,000 be built into the Capital Programme to be considered by Council in November 2020.
5. The principle of District Council intervention in regenerating brownfield sites for housing and employment is adopted.
6. The Rural Economy Position Statement in Appendix 1 is endorsed.
7. From 1st to 31st December 2020, between 2.00 pm and midnight each day, parking in District Council pay and display car parks be free of charge.

Voting:

For	30
Against	0
Abstentions	2

The Chairman declared the motion CARRIED

140/20 – SEALING OF DOCUMENTS

It was moved by Councillor Mark Wakeman, seconded by Councillor Alasdair Sutton and

RESOLVED That the common seal of the Council be affixed to those documents, (unanimously) if any, required to complete transactions undertaken by Committees or by way of delegated authority to officers since the last meeting of the Council.

MEETING CLOSED 6.40PM

CHAIRMAN