

INFORMATION ITEM

REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTORATE	OPERATIONAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE	16 MARCH 2021	8
COVID 19 PANDEMIC RECOVERY			

PUBLIC ITEM

This item is for consideration in the public part of the meeting.

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

An outline of the recovery measures in response to the COVID 19 pandemic for the services under the remit of the committee.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

Direct experience and feedback from the service providers based on the Road Map published for recovery

LINK TO INFORMATION

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/prime-minister-sets-out-roadmap-to-cautiously-ease-lockdown-restrictions>

INFORMATION

- Waste, Cleansing & Recycling** – The services have remained operational throughout the pandemic with no requirement to reduce service delivery. The recovery will require additional resources to service visitors during the steps 1 and 2 of the Road Map when cafes, bars, restaurants etc. cannot accommodate inside service resulting in increased use of public open space with associated demand for toilets and waste disposal. Toilet facilities will be monitored and if required additional provision sourced.

 The enforcement service has been reviewed with additional resources provided and a new team is being recruited to provide both awareness and enforcement for offences under the PSPO regulations. The details of the team, their role and responsibilities will be reported to the committee when the arrangements and personnel are in place.
- Car Parking** – Car parking income was impacted by the pandemic but with the extension of international travel ban until at least May 17th, the new found interest in the Fylde coast and 'staycation' forecast to be popular it is expected that income levels will return. A significant proportion of the beach Terrace car park will continue to be used for essential COVID 19 testing throughout the Road Map and into late summer, this will have an impact on the income from this car park. The team will be ensuring that all car parks are prepared and ready to receive maximum occupancy, there is some outstanding work at the Fairhaven car park that the team are scheduling with LCC and which has been discussed at the Car Park Working Group.

3. **Cemetery & Crematorium** – At each stage of the Road Map service provision and access to the crematorium and grounds will be reviewed with restrictions, fencing etc. removed and parred back in accordance with government guidance and regulations.
4. **Building Control / Land Charges** – The services have continued to operate throughout the pandemic with increase demand at certain times with the property market picking up, the construction trade continuing and people carrying out home improvements that require inspections. There is no requirement for additional measures to ‘recover’ this service.
5. **Coastal Defence** – The consultancy work on the new project has been commissioned and scheduled for the 2021/22 financial year, any impact or delay during the recovery has been built into the planned work e.g. social distancing, interview arrangements, meeting conditions etc.
6. **Emergency Planning** – The function will continue to have a key role throughout the recovery the lead officer will have ongoing support from the Environmental Health Services Manager with the CEO representing the council on the Lancashire Resilience Forum (LRF). It is expected that functions associated with recovery will shift from the LRF to regional or sub regional recovery groups by theme. The ‘emergency’ element of the pandemic will not be applicable through the recovery when this occurs.

A COVID Road Map Recovery Plan is being developed to identify the key actions and resources required to manage the recovery process over the next few months in Fylde. A copy of the plan is included as Appendix 1 to this information item.

WHY IS THIS INFORMATION BEING GIVEN TO THE COMMITTEE?

To outline service impact resulting from the COVID pandemic.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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