

INFORMATION ITEM

REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE	FINANCE AND DEMOCRACY COMMITTEE	29 MARCH 2021	14
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

- Finance** – The team are still involved with the administration and post verification of grants that will continue for most of the current financial year. The one-year settlement means there is no long-term certainty, but all risks are captured in the regular programme of budget monitoring and MTFS reports.
- Corporate Planning** – The Corporate plan has been reviewed considering the pandemic and a Recovery Plan developed to deliver the corporate strategic objectives for the recovery of the local community including the local economy.
- Customer Services** – Plans to re-open in person service / appointments are included in the Fylde Road Map based on the regulations, measures and guidance currently known, any phased back to full operations will be monitored and reviewed at each stage of the process. Current forecast is for full access in Step 4 of the Road Map.
- Democratic Arrangements** – Regulatory updates are yet to be published regarding committee / council meetings after May 7th, 2021 until that date in person cannot take place. All members will be provided with details of meeting arrangements as soon as they are known. Plans are in place for the AGM to be held on May 26th, 2021 subject to the regulations.
- ICT / Website** – The service has been essential during the COVID period with significant additional demands, the team will be part of the 'return to the workplace' plans for every service area with the expectation that it will late summer before arrangements are settled and the work locations for the longer term are confirmed.

6. **Communications** – The team have been essential throughout the pandemic and have had to be bolstered with additional internal and external resource because of the significant increase in demand. The actions and resources required to manage communications at each stage of the Road Map are included on the appendix to this update.
7. **Performance Monitoring** – All services have been impacted by the pandemic resulting in reduce resource, new demands and changes of working practice, regular performance monitoring and reporting will be in place for the second half go the 21/22 financial year.

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, this is a live document subject to changes based on regulation updates. Not all the measures planned / prepared will necessarily be required dependent on the final regulations that are expected no earlier than a week before each step of the Road Map.

WHY IS THIS INFORMATION BEING GIVEN TO THE COMMITTEE?

To outline the service recovery plans as the COVID pandemic lockdown measures ease.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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