

# Harborough District Council

## Report to the Scrutiny Commission of 9<sup>th</sup> June 2022



<b>Title:</b>	<b>Review of the COVID recovery action plan</b>
<b>Status:</b>	<b>Public</b>
<b>Key Decision:</b>	<b>No</b>
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<b>Portfolio Holder:</b>	<b>Corporate – Emergency Planning</b>
<b>Appendices:</b>	<b>Audit Report</b>

### Executive Summary

The Chairman of Scrutiny Commission requested that the COVID Recovery plan be reviewed and presented to the commission for review.

Internal Audit were asked to conduct a review of the recovery action plan and to make any recommendations necessary. The Strategic Recovery Co-ordinating Group for the COVID recovery reviewed the audit report and agreed the recommendations.

The recommendations have now been implemented are reported as part of the ongoing audit reports sent to the Audit Committee.

### Recommendations

To note the content of the Audit Report and its recommendations.

### Reasons for Recommendations

To ensure the Commission is informed of the outcome of the audit report.

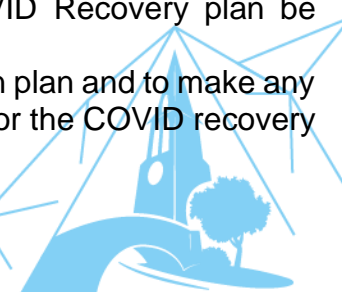
## 1. Purpose of Report

To inform the Commission of the actions taken in review of the COVID recovery action plan and the recommendations for improvements.

## 2. Background

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2.3. The recommendations have now been implemented are reported as part of the on-going audit reports sent to the Audit Committee.

### 3. Details

- 3.1. The Council developed a COVID recovery map to ensure that it complied with all the necessary regulations relating to the recovery phase of the pandemic and the implementation of its own actions in response to the recovery of the pandemic.
- 3.2. Internal Audit were asked to review this road map to give assurance that the performance of the recovery actions was in line with needs of the organisation.
- 3.3. The review was completed and a report issued, a summary of the Covid 19 Recovery audit report was included in [Appendix 2](#) of the "[Internal Audit-progress and performance update](#)" report that was reported to Audit & Standards Committee on the 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2022. Officers considered the recommendations in the report and implemented them accordingly.
- 3.4. The Recovery Co-ordinating group held a debrief session in April to officially close the incident.

### 4. Implications of Decisions

#### 4.1. Corporate Priorities

The COVID pandemic had significant impact on all of the Council's priorities as have been reported to the Council regularly throughout the pandemic in various forms. This report demonstrates that the governance around the recovery plan was done well and risks to corporate priorities were acted on and mitigated where possible.

#### 4.2. Financial

There are no financial risks associated directly with this report. The financial risks of the COVID pandemic have been reported separately in the Financial Monitoring reports throughout the year.

#### 4.3. Legal

Harborough District Council's Recovery was in line with government guidelines and regulations relating to the COVID response and recovery, and these guidelines have now expired in most cases.

#### 4.4. Environmental Implications including contributions to achieving a net zero carbon Council by 2030

None for this report.

#### 4.5. Risk Management

All risks of the COVID pandemic were managed through the governance structures created to deal with the emergency situation.



#### **4.6. Equalities Impact**

None for this report.

#### **4.7. Data Protection**

None for this report.



### **5. Summary of Consultation and Outcome**

5.1. The Audit report has been discussed and agreed with the senior managers of the authority as part of the Recovery governance arrangements, through both the Tactical Co-ordinating Group (TCG) and the Strategic Co-ordinating Group (SCG)

### **6. Alternative Options Considered**

6.1. There were no alternative options for consideration

### **7. Background papers**

*Financial Monitoring*

*Previous COVID update reports*

*Audit reports on recommendations*



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