

EXECUTIVE

6 OCTOBER 2020

Present:

Councillors Connett (Leader), Dewhirst (Deputy Leader), J Hook, Keeling, Jeffries, MacGregor, Purser, Taylor and Wrigley

Officers in Attendance:

Christopher Morgan, Trainee Democratic Services Officer
Sarah Selway, Democratic Services Team Leader & Deputy Monitoring Officer
Neil Blaney, Head of Place & Commercial Services
Chris Braines, Waste & Cleansing Manager
Tony Mansour, Housing Needs Lead
Lorraine Montgomery, Head of Operations
Phil Shears, Managing Director

52. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 8 September 2020 were approved as a correct record and will be signed at the earliest convenience.

53. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

54. EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN

The Executive Member for Economy and Jobs raised concerns regarding the waste material being disposed of at Lyme Bay and the serious ecological impacts of this. The Council had raised significant objections and concerns with the Marine Maritime Organisation in 2019 on this matter although this objection has not been registered on their web site. A report on this matter would be brought to the Executive 3 November 2020 due to its urgency.

The Leader confirmed that an initial report on the Industrial scale 'personal use' harvesting of shellfish from the Exe and Teign Estuaries would be brought to Executive 3 November 2020 with a subsequent report in February 2021 on plans for the 2021 season. Also the future strategic planning working with Exeter, East Devon, Mid Devon and other partners would be brought to Executive 3 November 2020 and Council 23 November 2020.

RESOLVED that the Forward Plan be noted.

55. RURAL SKIP SERVICE

Executive Member for Recycling, Household Waste and Environmental Health presented the report to consider the future provision of the rural skip service. He commented that it was with a heavy heart that the Council would have to cease this non-statutory service which it had taken in when the County Council withdrew its support. The Council needed to look at savings to bridge the budget shortfall as a result of the COVID pandemic. Members attention was brought to alternative options available to residents which included the councils own bulky waste collection and charities in the district that collect and recycle goods.

The Leader brought Members attention to a letter, which had been circulated to Executive from Ipplepen Parish Council raising concerns regarding the cessation of this service.

Members discussed the costs of the service and the possibility of Towns and Parishes taking on the service either individually or jointly.

The Waste and Cleansing Manager clarified that the average cost of a skip was £1800 plus disposal costs and the council would share its information with regards to risk assessments for this work to assist the Town and Parishes if they wish to make their own arrangements.

RESOLVED that:-

- (1) The discontinue the service be agreed and necessary arrangements with the existing contractor for early contract termination be made; and
- (2) Support be provided to the Town & Parish Councils impacted to assist them with their own arrangements where requested.

Councillor Purser abstained from voting.

56. ORGANISATIONAL RECOVERY PLANS

The Recovery Project Lead gave a presentation (attached to minutes) on the Organisational Recovery plans, giving details of the work streams, partnership working and the member task and finish groups set up to support the recovery work.

The Recovery Project Lead clarified the work being undertaken with Devon County Council with regards to health and wellbeing as the lead authority in this service.

57. DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL TRIAL 20MPH SPEED LIMIT

The Executive Member for Climate Change presented the report regarding the Devon County Council Trial 20 mph Speed Limit for Newton Abbot and Kingskerwell. The trial was supported by Newton Abbot Town Council and Ward Members - Cllrs Hayes and Parker. Devon County Council had set up an Implementation Group which included representatives from the Police and Public Health.

The Leader read out a letter of support from a Ward Member - Cllr Parker.

Members discussed the benefits of speed limits to prevent accidents and encourage safe cycling and walking in the towns and villages across the district and the support of 'Community Speed Watch' to monitor compliance with the speed limits.

RESOLVED that the Executive express its preliminary support to Devon County Council regarding its proposed trial of a 20 mph speed limit in Newton Abbot.

The vote was unanimous.

58. RESPONSE TO THE GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION ON 'CHANGES TO THE CURRENT PLANNING SYSTEM

The Executive Member for Planning presented the Councils response to the Government consultation on 'Changes to the current planning system'.

Members raised serious concerns regarding the new proposed methodology which would see an increase in the districts housing units double to 1532 units.

Executive Members endorsed the submitted response.

The meeting started at 10.00 am and finished at 11.23 am.

Chair

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TDC COVID-19 Recovery Update

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Presented to The Executive 6th October 2020

Tony Mansour
Recovery Project Lead

Help and Support Currently Available

- Executive members asked for a better understanding of the help and support currently available to residents in Teignbridge.
 - Each of our Recovery theme leads provided our Comms Team with details of the key support initiatives and support services available to people in the district.
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- That was collated into the member's newsletter, and we will continue to update members as and when new initiatives become available.
 - The Comms Team are also in the process of updating our website, and will continue to do so to, to provide up to date information and advice relating to the support available to people in need.

Data Sources, Literature Review & Next Steps

- In line with our data and intelligence plan (previously circulated) our data cell conducted an audit of existing data sources and review literature relating to the impacts of COVID-19.

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- There's a wealth of data and literature already available and we are now using this to develop:
 - A single residents quantitative survey to better understand the impact of COVID-19 on local residents
 - 3 Stakeholder Quantitative surveys to better understand the impact of COVID-19 on our partners, their concerns and priorities for the future.

Consultation will run from 12th October until 9th November.

- Following the consultation, we will hold a series of theme specific workshops with key stakeholders to help refine our recovery objectives in late November/ Early December.

Key Indicator Dashboard

- Audit of data sources was conducted to understand what data sets are available locally, regionally and nationally and the frequency with which they are produced

- Examples include:

- District Level details of claimant counts for Universal Credit, other welfare benefits and COVID related financial support schemes
- District level data relating to furlough and unemployment
- ∞ • Regional and national data relating to expected job losses, redundancies and business impacts broken down by job sectors
- Regional data relating to consumer confidence, consumer sentiment and shopping habits
- District Level data pertaining to waste and recycling and regional and local data relating to fuel consumption and carbon emissions
- District level data relating to engagement with community and voluntary services such as the Citizens Advice Bureau

- We're working with data officers at Devon County Council and our community and voluntary sector partners to ensure we have access to as much of this key data as possible moving forward.

Key Indicator Dashboard

- DCC are developing a data warehouse and dashboard through the Recovery Coordination Group, however we're currently unsure when this will be made available.
- 6 • We will combine with local service level data including for example, contact with our customer services centre, details of Teignbridge administered COVID support schemes and housing and homelessness statistics and incorporate into a single dashboard which can be provided to members and our Senior Leadership Team on a monthly basis. We will also include an overview showing trends over time. This will be made available from early November (can presented to The Executive on 3rd November)
- A summary report will also be provided on a quarterly basis moving forward (beginning at the end of Quarter 3 of this financial year)

O&S working groups and recovery timescales

- We're working with the recently updated Overview and Scrutiny Committees to assist a cross party Community Impact Task and Finish Group in gathering insights into the impact of COVID-19 on communities in urban, rural and coastal areas in Teignbridge. The task and finish groups' findings and recommendations will feed into our Recovery Plan.
- The work of the Community Impact Task and Finish Group will precede the work of a second Overview and Scrutiny Task and Finish Group which will review the Teignbridge Council Strategy.
- We will complete our Recovery Plan in February 2021, and will align it with the setting of the Teignbridge Council Budget and Financial Plan for 2021/22 (Due to be presented to Full Council on 22nd February 2021).
- Initial Recovery Plan to be presented to the Executive on 2nd February 2021.
- The drafting of our recovery plan will be subject to a full and comprehensive equality impact assessment as previously discussed with The Executive.
- In light of the considerable overlap between the response and recovery phase of the pandemic, the recovery plan will need to be subject to ongoing review.

COVID-19 Recovery Planning Timeline

Officer Led Recovery Work

October	November	December	January	February	March
<p>W/c 5th October</p> <p>Review Findings of Data Source Audit and Literature Review.</p>	<p>W/c 9th November</p> <p>Review findings of Quantitative Surveys and review of case studies and insights provided by Overview and Scrutiny</p>	<p>W/c 1st December</p> <p>Hold Combined Theme Specific Spotlight Review Workshops to refine our recovery objectives</p>	<p>W/c 4th January</p> <p>Begin drafting Recovery Plan and concurrently conduct comprehensive Equality Impact Assessment</p>	<p>W/c 1st February</p> <p>Draft recovery Plan to be presented to the Executive (2nd February).</p>	<p>Recovery Plan to be presented to and approved by Full Council.</p>
<p>W/c 12th October</p> <p>Quantitative consultation with residents and key stakeholders</p>	<p>W/c 23rd November</p> <p>Hold Combined Theme Specific Spotlight Review Workshops to refine our recovery objectives</p>	<p>W/c 7th December</p> <p>Theme leads to review workshop findings together <u>with insights and case studies provided by Overview and Scrutiny Committee Community Impact Group</u></p> <p>Further refine Recovery Objectives</p>	<p>W/c 25th January</p> <p>Produce a first draft of the Recovery Plan and present to the Senior Leadership Team</p>	<p>W/c 8th February</p> <p>Possible refinements of Recovery Plan.</p>	

Devon-wide Focus

- As previously discussed with the Executive, the predominant strategic group in Devon is the Health Protection Board, led by Public Health at Devon County Council, which is responsible for monitoring COVID-19 case trends, understanding areas of risk and formulating and testing outbreak management plan arrangements.
- 12 • The Recovery Coordination Group, also led by Devon County Council is likely to produce a Devon-wide Recovery Plan by March or April of 2021. We're well represented on the Recovery Coordination Group and it's associated sub-groups and are confident that our Teignbridge plan will be well aligned that of the Devon-wide plan, although it may precede it by two months or so and will be more focused on meeting local need.