



STRATEGY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEMBER/OFFICER REPORT

NAME OF ORGANISATION/BODY	Strategic Recovery Board
DATE OF LAST MEETING ATTENDED	18 February 2021
BRIEF REPORT:	
<p>The last meeting of the Strategic Recovery Board took place on 18 February 2021.</p> <p>Key items discussed included:</p> <p>Community Hubs – The Board discussed the crucial role that community hubs have played, particularly in response to the Covid-19 and how the approach could be strengthened even further and widened as we move into recovery. Keith Gerrard and Emma Keating-Clark will be working with members to further develop thinking and next steps with this.</p> <p>Economic Development Strategy – The Board had an early formative discussion about how the district's Economic Development Strategy should take shape in the coming months. Senior Economic Development Specialist (Amy Beckett) will be developing the strategy in collaboration with members, colleagues and a wide range of external stakeholders, and a draft will come to S&R Committee later this calendar year.</p> <p>2030 Strategy – Rachel Brain (Senior Carbon Neutral Officer) shared the headline messages from the recent consultation on the draft strategy and the key changes that would be made as a result. The final draft strategy will come to Full Council on 18 March and will be an important milestone on our journey, as we seek to do all in our power to achieve a carbon neutral district by 2030. We will act as an <i>exemplar</i> council in those areas where we can directly control, such as our own energy usage. Our strategy also sets out how we will maximise our influence and impact as an <i>enabler</i> and <i>encourager</i> of action by partners, communities, residents and businesses to tackle the climate emergency that is upon us.</p> <p>Regeneration and Investment Board – The creation of a new advisory board was discussed, to shape the Council's regeneration priorities and help to realise the Council's wider place ambitions for the district. A separate report on this appears on this agenda (S&R Cttee: 4/3/21)</p> <p>Monthly Highlight Reports on Recovery work, summarising progress and key activities for the forthcoming period, will continue to be included within the Weekly Update for all Members.</p>	
FUTURE MEETINGS	March (date TBC)
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