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Report to Cabinet

Date: 13th September 2021

**REPORT TITLE: COVID-19 Emergency Planning Recovery Update
(September 2021)**

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1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to provide a review of the local framework of activities that contribute to the Borough's recovery from the impacts arising from the COVID-19 pandemic.

2. Executive Summary

- 2.1. The Council and its partners continue to act effectively to support recovery from the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic emergency.
- 2.2. Recovery aspects have been summarised in this report by considering the themes of: Local Economy and Business; Infrastructure and the Environment; Physical and Psychological Health of the Community; and Embedding New Best Practice and Supporting Communities to Adapt to New Norms of Behaviour.
- 2.3. Locally the Staffordshire Resilience Forum (SRF) with effect from 24th April 2020 has been facilitating a Recovery Co-ordinating Group (RCG) and works to support partners, communities and stakeholders to deliver the recovery activity associated with impacts arising from COVID-19.

- 2.4. A “Recovery Framework” was previously developed capturing and overlaying National, County, Borough and Ward level recovery work. A diagram summarising the principle of this Recovery Framework is shown in Annex 1, with a summary of local work contributing to the recovery is detailed in section 5.1.8 of this report.

3. Background

- 3.1. The World Health Organisation (WHO) declared the outbreak of coronavirus disease COVID-19 as a pandemic on 11th March 2020.
- 3.2. By law, category one responders (which includes all local authorities) have duties to plan and prepare for emergencies. Planning for civil emergencies and ensuring continuity of its own services is therefore a fundamental and ongoing element of East Staffordshire Borough Council’s normal operation. The Council has a range of resilience plans in place to mitigate the impact of any emergency incident, for example service specific business continuity plans. It is also part of the SRF which is made up of multiple agencies who work together to plan and prepare for localised incidents and civil emergencies.

4. Contribution to Corporate Priorities

- 4.1. This report contributes to all three Corporate Priorities as it is relevant to all Council services.

5. Recovery Phase Update (July 2021)

5.1. Current COVID Position

5.1.1. England moved to Step Four of the government’s roadmap out of lockdown on 19th July 2021, meaning most legal restrictions to control COVID-19 have been lifted.

5.1.2. As of 16th August 2021, fully vaccinated adults in the UK no longer have to self-isolate for 10 days if they are told they have been in close contact with a person who has COVID. This rule also applies to everyone under the age of 18 years.

5.1.3. The government has [further information on their website](#).

5.2. Overview

5.2.1. A civil emergency can be considered in two distinct phases. “Response” encompasses the actions taken to deal with the immediate effects of an emergency, whereas “Recovery” is the process of rebuilding, restoring and rehabilitating following an emergency.

5.2.2. There has been a number of initiatives implemented by Central Government on a national basis which contribute to the recovery from the COVID-19 emergency. This has included a range of schemes for businesses; opportunities for young people; schemes relating to education and employment; support for homeowners; and temporary changes in taxation. Information on Government schemes and

associated guidance can be accessed via <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>. The Council continues to support the communication of Government schemes to residents and businesses within the Borough through an ongoing information campaign via its usual communication channels, such as its social media channels and [website](#).

5.2.3. Locally the SRF with effect from 24th April 2020 has been facilitating a Recovery Co-ordinating Group (RCG) and works to support partners, communities and stakeholders to deliver the recovery activity associated with impacts arising from COVID-19.

5.2.4. The Council will continue to work with its partners on preparedness for and prevention of future lockdowns to mitigate the impact on the ongoing recovery of the area, as well as ensuring the recovery process continues should a lockdown occur. The Council continues to take an active role in the strategic response and recovery coordinating groups facilitated through the LRF with its partners.

5.2.5. As the emergency continued to evolve away from Response phase into the Recovery phase, a “Recovery Framework” was previously developed capturing and overlaying National, County, Borough and Ward level recovery work. A diagram summarising the principle of this Recovery Framework is shown in **Annex 1**, with the Council at the centre, demonstrating the scale of the support across the four tiers identified. It also shows the Council’s link to the national work, and a closely aligned County-wide approach across the other three tiers.

5.2.6. This report will consider the progress towards recovery, building on this “Recovery Framework” detailed in previous reports, with a focus on borough level activities.

5.2.7. The report aligns this progress to the work of the RCG recovery activities and opportunities within the Borough, and are considered in the context of the four thematic areas of focus as shown below:

(1) Local Economy and Business	(2) Infrastructure and the Environment
(3) Physical and Psychological Health of the Community	(4) Embedding New Best Practice and Supporting Communities to Adapt to New Norms of Behaviour

5.2.8. The following table provides a summary overview with full detail on the contributions to recovery provided in the subsequent sections of this report:

Local Economy and Business (para 5.3)

- The Council continues to administer relevant grants and reliefs to residents and businesses and (as of 3rd August 2021) has made 10,964 awards totalling £49,166,137.67
- The Council has launched a new fund aimed at helping new businesses impacted by restrictions. Local businesses set up on or after 1st April 2019 and before 28th June 2021 may be eligible for the Additional Restrictions Grant New Business Fund.
- In early April the Council launched a £100,000 grant scheme for new and growing businesses. £57,000 has been allocated from the fund across eight allocations to local businesses.
- To support the recovery of local hospitality the government has extended pavement licence provisions to 30th September 2022. The Council has issued 19 pavement licenses to date.
- The £750k High St project was completed in July 2021. Work included resurfacing of the road between Worthington Way and New Street and installing new footway paving using the same materials as the Station Street improvements.
- As part of a national campaign organised by the National Market Traders Federation, Burton Market Place hosted a Young Traders Market in July 2021.
- A successful concert was held at Burton Market Hall in July 2021.

Physical and Psychological Health of the Community (para 5.5)

- The Council's appointed contractor commenced works in early August to undertake a full replacement of the artificial turf pitch at Shobnall Leisure Complex utilising available Section 106 monies.
- This year the Council will undertake a review of Health & Activity strategy and delivery in the Borough. This review will consider a range of elements including the new Sport England Strategy, the Together Active Strategy and the strategies of our Leisure Operator.
- The Council continues to promote within the Borough the Commonwealth Games being held in the region in 2022.
- The Council has joined forces with East Staffordshire Social Prescribers to deliver therapeutic gardening sessions to the local community.
- Following on from the success of the Burton Swans in 2020, there is now a second outdoor sculpture trail planned for Summer 2022 featuring 30 sculptures of galloping horses.
- A number of the proposed interventions considered in the Towns Fund work would contribute to health and wellbeing aspects.
- Reviewing our work around rough sleeping has also been a focus in relation to managing and mitigating the physical and psychological health of the homeless community.
- Local Authorities and partners such as local Clinical Commissioning Groups continue to work closely with local communities to ensure as many people as possible take up the offer of vaccines and testing.

Infrastructure and the Environment (para 5.4)

- The Council has continued to encourage residents to 'Stay Local' in recent campaigns to support businesses in the Borough.
- This work will be extended beyond June 2021 as financial support from the 'Welcome Back Fund' will enable the Council to include visitor attractions and sites from across the Borough in a series of new Stay Local promotional opportunities.
- A range of exciting new initiatives will be taking place on the local high streets and green spaces across East Staffordshire as lockdown restrictions start to lift from August 2021 to March.
- The Burton Town Deal Board previously announced that the town has been awarded £22.8m following the submission of the Burton Town Investment Plan in December 2020. The Council is also supporting Towns Fund projects in communicating their consultation exercises.
- The refreshed Masterplan for Uttoxeter was previously approved by Full Council.
- The Council continues to work with colleagues from Staffordshire County Council on a "place branding" proposal.
- During the 2021/22 financial year the Council will be looking to review and update the Brownfield and Infill Regeneration Strategy

Embedding New Best Practice and Supporting Communities to Adapt to New Norms of Behaviour (para 5.6)

- The Council's refreshed Corporate Plan for 2021/22 went live from April 2021 which has a number of recovery aspects embedded throughout the Plan.
- In July 2021 the Council launched a new E-newsletter and will continue to undertake media campaigns to increase the number of subscribers.
- The Brewhouse and Arts team delivered a series of online holiday activities and 'virtual' projects during the temporary closure of the building and will be continuing some of this remote delivery.
- A series of outreach events will be delivered throughout the Summer across ESBC Parks, to provide opportunities for residents to experience live performance and take part in arts activities in a COVID Secure way, whilst encouraging audiences back to The Brewhouse.
- The Council has signed up to the Noise App to enable noise complaints to be investigated whilst minimising officers' visits to properties.
- The proposed Towns Fund work will feature an emphasis on walking and cycling to create 'easy in-easy out' of our town centres.
- Responses to staff surveys undertaken previously and further discussions across service areas between managers and staff will be taken forward across a range of considerations. This will inform the process of planning the gradual return to office work anticipated for this September.

5.3. Local Economy and Business

5.3.1. The Council continues to administer relevant grants and reliefs to residents and businesses and (as of 3rd August 2021) has awarded:

	Amount	Number
Business Rate Reliefs		
Nursery Discount Relief (2020-21 & 2021-22) [#]	£474,108.18	22
Expanded Retail Discount Relief (2020-21 & 2021-22) [#]	£27,524,728.34	800
TOTAL	£27,998,836.52	822
Business Support Grants		
LRSB (Closed) (Addendum) scheme (covers 5 th Nov – 2 nd Dec)*	£1,297,744.00	828
LRSB (Sector) scheme*	£285.71	1
Additional Restrictions Grants [^]	£3,459,633.05	199
LRSB (Closed) scheme (covers 2 Dec to 30 Dec)*	£410,774.00	494
LRSB (Open) scheme (covers 2 Dec to 30 Dec)*	£27,249.94	44
LRSB (Closed) Tier 4 scheme (covers 31 Dec - 4 Jan)*	£234,653.79	836
Christmas Support Payment for Wet-Led Pubs*	£62,000.00	62
LRSB (Closed (Addendum) scheme (covers 5 Jan - 15 Feb)*	£1,987,626.00	843
Closed Business Lockdown Payment (one-off grant)*	£3,959,000.00	841
LRSB (Closed (Addendum) scheme (covers 16 Feb - 31 Mar)*	£2,109,349.00	855
Restart Grants scheme (from 1 April)*	£6,338,063.00	868
TOTAL	£19,886,378.49	5,871
Council Tax Hardship Fund		
Council Tax Hardship Fund *	£799,922.66	3,447
Test and Trace Support Payments		
Main scheme	£323,000.00	579
Discretionary scheme	£158,000.00	245
TOTAL	£481,000.00	824
OVERALL TOTAL		
OVERALL TOTAL	£49,166,137.67	10,964

[#]Nursery Relief and Expanded Retail Relief have been reduced by 1/3 with effect from 01/07/2021 as required by Government.

*grants now closed

[^]Funding fully exhausted, and waiting for BEIS to confirm further top up funding.

5.3.2. An Additional Restrictions Grant is available to businesses that were impacted by Local and/or Tier 3, Tier 4 or National restrictions. Businesses must be able to demonstrate how they were severely impacted by Government restrictions and show that turnover has substantially reduced. Applications for the Additional Restrictions Grant scheme Phase 3 are now being accepted with those for Supporting Other Businesses between 1 June and 15 June 2021. Businesses not eligible for the Restart Grant are encouraged to apply.

5.3.3. The Council has also launched a new fund aimed at helping new businesses impacted by restrictions. Businesses within East Staffordshire which were set up on or after 1st April 2019 and before 28th June 2021 may be eligible for the Additional Restrictions Grant New Business Fund. The grant thresholds are

£5,000 for a business that does not have a business rates assessment and £10,000 for a business that does have a business rates assessments.

5.3.4. In early April the Council launched a £100,000 grant scheme for new and growing businesses. The Council's Business Springboard Boost scheme aimed at supporting growing businesses has received high levels of interest from the local business community. This scheme is about growing businesses to help stimulate the local economy. New businesses can access up to £5,000 of funding and existing businesses can access up to £10,000, with a match of 60% available. The fund is now open for business and is competitive on a first come first served basis and will be kept open until the available funding is fully allocated. To date £57,000 has been allocated from the fund across eight allocations to local businesses.

5.3.5. To support the recovery of local hospitality the government has extended pavement licence provisions to 30th September 2022. The Council has issued 19 pavement licenses to date.

5.3.6. As part of a national campaign organised by the National Market Traders Federation, Burton Market Place hosted a Young Traders Market in July 2021. The Market saw young traders, aged 16-30 years, competing to impress the judges for a place in the regional finals.

5.3.7. A successful concert was also held at Burton Market Hall in July 2021.

5.3.8. The Council submitted a grant application for Government to utilise an early release of the Towns Fund to continue the Station Street project onto High Street, delivering improvements between Station Street and Market Place. The application was for £750k and was approved. The project commenced on 4th January 2021 and was delivered by SCC's delivery partner, Amey, and was completed in July 2021. Work included resurfacing of the road between Worthington Way and New Street and installing new footway paving using the same materials as the Station Street improvements.

5.3.9. Advice and support continue to be provided to local businesses through the ongoing activities of the Enterprise Team, which includes promoting within the Borough business funding, support schemes, workshops and activities available nationally or through partners such as the Local Enterprise Partnerships.

5.3.10. Through its Environmental Health Team the Council is proactively visiting businesses to provide advice and guidance on COVID controls, focussing on food businesses, licensed businesses.

5.4. Infrastructure and Environment

5.4.1. The Council has continued to encourage residents to 'Stay Local' in recent campaigns to support businesses in the Borough. The 'Stay Local' campaign, which features a range of local business owners, was designed to promote the town centres and other high streets and shopping areas across the Borough. Local businesses can download the 'Stay Local' resources from the Council's website, to help promote their business and demonstrate how they are adhering

to safety guidance. The campaign toolkit also features a range of assets for local residents to use to show their support.

- 5.4.2. This work will be extended beyond June 2021 as financial support from the 'Welcome Back Fund' (a continuation of the Re-Opening High Streets Safely Fund) will enable the Council to include visitor attractions and sites from across the Borough in a series of new 'stay local' promotional films, billboard campaigns as well as the development of new resources for businesses to ensure that they have access to the latest government advice.
- 5.4.3. A range of exciting new initiatives will be taking place on the local high streets and green spaces across East Staffordshire as lockdown restrictions start to lift from August 2021 to March 2022 ranging from improvement of green spaces and play equipment, use of empty shops, local celebratory events with street food and performances. The activity is aimed at supporting the local visitor economy and SME businesses by increasing footfall and encouraging residents and visitors to enjoy East Staffordshire safely.
- 5.4.4. The Burton Town Deal Board previously announced that the town has been awarded £22.8m following the submission of the Burton Town Investment Plan in December 2020. This award of £22.8m compares to an average allocation of £22.14m per town for the 7 Town Deals across the West Midlands and £22.6m nationally. Over the coming months business cases compliant with the Treasury Green Book guidance for each of the seven interventions being proposed (University Learning Hub; High Street Linkages; Library & Enterprise Hub; New Pedestrian & Cycle Crossing over the River Trent; Trent and Mersey Canal Towpath Improvements; Cycle Network Enhancements; College Specialist Education Offer) will now be created and assessed, with any developed business case being presented for approval in early 2022.
- 5.4.5. Members of the public were invited to express an interest in joining the High Street Linkages "Sounding Board". The purpose of the project is to look at the High Street land between Bargates and Market Place and how that area could be enhanced through new uses and activity, with improved linkages between the High Street and the Washlands. Prior to the consultation process, the Council set up this Sounding Board of stakeholders with the aim of having a representation of Burton residents who can help inform and co-design the survey methodology and be involved in formulating the next steps after the responses have been collated. In order to inform any proposals for this land, the Council has also launched a "Call for Ideas" survey so that it can identify the aspirations and ideas of Burton residents as to the different types of uses that could be realised on the riverside.
- 5.4.6. The Council is also supporting its partners in communicating their consultation exercises relating to the Towns Fund projects they are leading, such as Staffordshire County Council.
- 5.4.7. The refreshed Masterplan for Uttoxeter was previously approved by Full Council. The refreshed Uttoxeter Masterplan is a regeneration document that sits outside of the planning policy framework, instead serving the purpose of identifying opportunities and aspirations for the future regeneration of the town. The Council has now launched the next phase of consultation on the Masterplan, including

stakeholder workshop events held with community groups in Uttoxeter, which will be held both virtually and in person. Information banners with details about the Masterplan and consultation will be on display throughout this period at the Uttoxeter Town Hall and Uttoxeter Leisure Centre foyer. There will also be posters and questionnaires available at the Heath Community Centre throughout.

5.4.8. The Council continues to work with colleagues from Staffordshire County Council on a “place branding” proposal. At a high level, this work explores ideas and possible options for how East Staffordshire can leverage and compliment the newly launched Staffordshire place branding work through the development of a local narrative that speaks to the East Staffordshire’s individual sense of identity, place, heritage and future.

5.4.9. During the 2021/22 financial year the Council will be looking to review and update the Brownfield and Infill Regeneration Strategy in line with new Government guidance and policy.

5.5. Physical and Psychological Health of the Community

5.5.1. The Council continues to work closely with its leisure operating partner (Everyone Active) with the partnership reopening Shobnall Leisure Complex on 29th March 2021, and Meadowside and Uttoxeter Leisure Centres on 12th April 2021. The Council continues to monitor and encourage recovery in participation levels across a range of physical activities. Additionally the Council had recently made an application to the National Leisure Recovery Fund (NLRF) for a grant to support its Leisure Operating Contract with Everyone Active, and the Council has now been advised that it has been awarded £236,173. Performance and recovery of the leisure facilities and services continue to be reported to senior officers and Members on an ongoing basis, and it is pleasing to note that financial performance between April and June 2021 has exceeded the approved forecasts.

5.5.2. The Council’s appointed contractor commenced works in early August to undertake a full replacement of the artificial turf pitch at Shobnall Leisure Complex utilising available Section 106 monies, leading to a much enhanced facility for users to enjoy.

5.5.3. This year the Council will undertake a review of Health & Activity strategy and delivery in the Borough. This review will consider a range of elements including the new Sport England Strategy, the Together Active Strategy and the strategies of our Leisure Operator. This will allow the Council to position itself effectively within the local leisure landscape and to direct strategic health and activity delivery in the area through its delivery partners.

5.5.4. The Council continues to promote within the Borough the Commonwealth Games being held in the region in 2022. For example, various communications opportunities have been supported such as the recruitment of Games volunteers, advertisement of the West Midlands ticket ballot through its website and social media channels. Additionally the Council has helped promote Critical Mass 2022. Young people aged 16-30 from across the West Midlands are being invited to join this unique opportunity to be involved in some of the biggest events of 2022 including the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games Opening and Closing Ceremonies. This project invites 300 young people to be a part of a dance and

movement collective where participants will learn new dance styles, meet other young dancers and work with professional dancers to create and participate in a wide variety of performances. Further information can be found at <https://criticalmass22.org.uk>.

5.5.5. The Council has joined forces with East Staffordshire Social Prescribers to deliver therapeutic gardening sessions to the local community. The Social Prescribing Gardening sessions, 'Feel Good Fridays,' are informal gardening sessions held at the Greenhouse Gardening Centre in Burton upon Trent, which give local residents the opportunity, whilst supported by a Social Prescriber, to get involved in gardening and take a holistic approach to health and wellbeing.

5.5.6. A Parks Working group has been formed to aid engagement relating to COVID19 considerations and promote the safe, healthy use of parks. Membership of this group also includes Staffs Police, Burton Albion Community Trust and Everyone Active.

5.5.7. The Brewhouse Arts Centre reopened its doors to visitors from Monday 24th May. The reopening saw the return of live performances for the first time in over twelve months, with all events operating reduced capacity to ensure social distancing. Small socially distanced workshops, rehearsals and activities have also restarted.

5.5.8. Following on from the success of the Burton Swans in 2020, there is now a second outdoor sculpture trail planned for Summer 2022 featuring 30 sculptures of Carousel horses that will make up a free, interactive trail for visitors to explore and enjoy around Burton upon Trent. There are also sponsorship opportunities available for these sculptures.

5.5.9. A number of the proposed interventions considered in the Towns Fund work would contribute to health and wellbeing aspects, including delivering a number of improvements to Burton's cycling network (bringing forward the majority of the short and medium term proposals in the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan) and improvement of the walking and cycling path between the major development at Branston Locks and the town centre through the Shobnall Playing Fields area.

5.5.10. Reviewing our work around rough sleeping has also been a focus in relation to managing and mitigating the physical and psychological health of the homeless community. There continues to be a number of objectives in the Council's Corporate Plan focussed on delivering better services to support homelessness and to tackle rough sleeping.

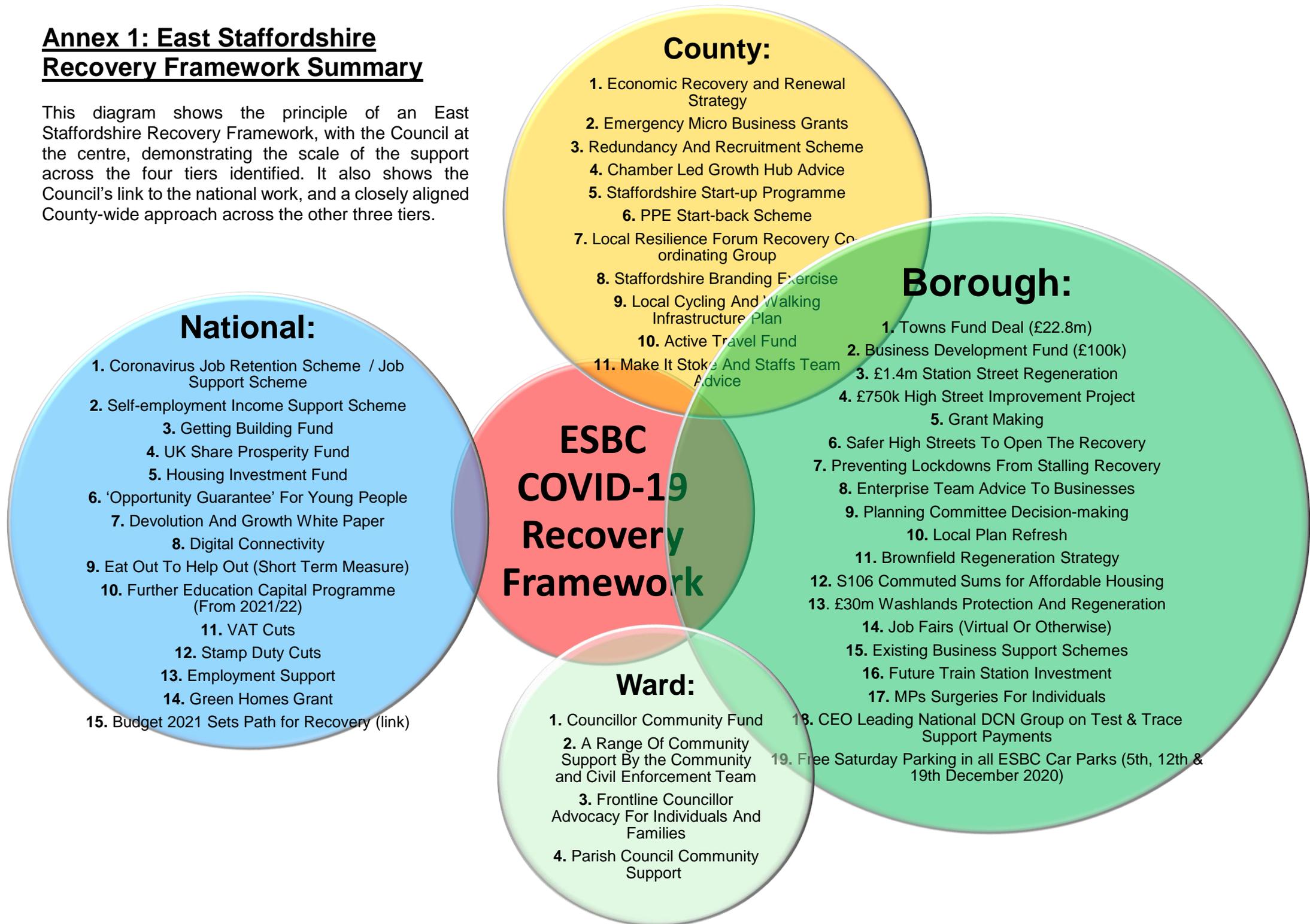
5.5.11. Local Authorities and partners such as local Clinical Commissioning Groups continue to work closely with local communities to ensure as many people as possible take up the offer of vaccines and testing. For example, ongoing support to communications campaigns in a bid to increase take up.

5.6. Embedding New Best Practice and Supporting Communities to Adapt to New Norms of Behaviour

- 5.6.1. The Council's refreshed Corporate Plan for 2021/22 went live from April 2021 which has a number of recovery aspects embedded throughout the Plan.
- 5.6.2. Following the development of the Council's new Digital Strategy in 2020, this year will see the Council implementing a number of important aspects from the Strategy to take forward a range of digital opportunities.
- 5.6.3. In July 2021 the Council launched a new E-newsletter and will continue to undertake media campaigns to increase the number of subscribers.
- 5.6.4. The Brewhouse and Arts team delivered a series of online holiday activities and 'virtual' projects during the temporary closure of the building and will be continuing some of this remote delivery, particularly for vulnerable or at risk groups, with weekly 'arts & wellbeing' workshops, inclusive dance sessions and storytelling events. For example the Brewhouse Online Open exhibition has been available on the Brewhouse website which features over 250 submissions by local artists.
- 5.6.5. A series of outreach events will be delivered throughout the Summer across ESBC Parks, to provide opportunities for residents to experience live performance and take part in arts activities in a COVID Secure way, whilst encouraging audiences back to The Brewhouse.
- 5.6.6. The Council has signed up to the Noise App to enable noise complaints to be investigated whilst minimising officers' visits to properties.
- 5.6.7. The proposed Towns Fund work will feature an emphasis on walking and cycling to create 'easy in-easy out' of our town centres. This will also feature encouragement to work from home into the future.
- 5.6.8. The Council is now operating its meetings using a mix of virtual and in-person interaction, with formal committee meetings being safely conducted at the Town Hall and other more informal meetings continuing to be held electronically.
- 5.6.9. Responses to staff surveys undertaken previously and further discussions across service areas between managers and staff will be taken forward across a range of considerations (for example safety, timescales, phased returns, ICT equipment availability, cleaning, restricted numbers). This will inform the process of planning the gradual return to office work anticipated for this September.

Annex 1: East Staffordshire Recovery Framework Summary

This diagram shows the principle of an East Staffordshire Recovery Framework, with the Council at the centre, demonstrating the scale of the support across the four tiers identified. It also shows the Council's link to the national work, and a closely aligned County-wide approach across the other three tiers.



6. Financial Considerations

*This section has been approved by the following member of the Financial Management Unit: **Lisa Turner***

6.1. The main financial issues arising from this Report are as follows:

6.1.1. The financial position of the Council and the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on this position are not specifically considered within this report.

7. Risk Assessment and Management

7.1. The main risks to this Report and the Council achieving its objectives are as follows:

7.1.1. **Positive** (Opportunities/Benefits):

7.1.1.1. Sharing information across officer and Member portfolios on the current situation with recovery opportunities allows for a joined up overview of the challenges presented by the ongoing COVID-19 emergency.

7.1.2. **Negative** (Threats):

7.1.2.1. The situation and data relating to the recovery is constantly developing. It should be noted that where data is presented the associated dates for the validity of that data will be provided in this report.

7.2. The risks do not need to be entered in the Risk Register. Any financial implications to mitigate against these risks are considered above.

8. Legal Considerations

*This section has been approved by the following member of the Legal Team: **Angela Wakefield***

8.1. There are no significant legal issues arising from this Report.

9. Equalities and Health

9.1. **Equality impacts:** The subject of this Report is not a policy, strategy, function or service that is new or being revised. An equality and health impact assessment is not required.

9.2. **Health impacts:** The outcome of the health screening question does not require a full Health Impact Assessment to be completed. An equality and health impact assessment is not required.

10. Human Rights

10.1. There are no Human Rights issues arising from this Report.

11. Sustainability (including climate change and change adaptation measures)

11.1. Does the proposal result in an overall positive effect in terms of sustainability (including climate change and change adaptation measures) **N/A**

12. Recommendation(s)

12.1. To note the update detailed within the report.

13. Background Papers

13.1. None

14. Appendices

14.1. None