

Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Special) Supplemental Agenda

Date: Monday 12 July 2021

- . **Agenda - Part I**
- 4. **Question and Answer Session with the Leader of the Council and Chief Executive**
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Presentation attached.
- . **Agenda - Part II**
- . **Nil**

Agenda item	Reason for Lateness/ Urgency
4. Question and Answer Session with the Leader of the Council and Chief Executive - Presentation	The presentation is being circulated to Members in advance of the Question and Answer Session on 12 July 2021 in order to provide strategic context and priorities but was not available at the time the agenda was published.

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Strategic Context and Priorities

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- Covid-19 response and recovery will continue to dominate the work of the Council for next 9-12 months
- Significant ongoing activity in respect of vaccination, testing, restart of services and community support
- Service pressures are significant due to Covid-19 impact and suppression of demand during Lockdown – social care, environment and housing etc
- Recovery activity is significant – economy, education, mental health, NHS and social care
- Organisational and staff resilience is a significant issue

- Covid-19 response and recovery will be major focus
- Ensuring delivery of core Council services with extra demand
- HSDP and wider regeneration and housing
- Accommodation strategy delivery and flexible futures
- 5 ● Health and Social Care Integration
- Equalities, Diversity and Inclusion
- Modernisation – Dynamics, Great People Great Culture, IT, HR/OD
- Budget and MTF5 – ongoing challenge of 2021/2 and planning for 2022/3 and beyond
- Very limited capacity to respond to other priorities as planned pre Covid-19

- Very high levels of uncertainty due to ongoing impact of Covid-19 pandemic
- Core services have dual challenge of recovery and demand pressures
- Impact on residents and business re economy unclear
- Winter likely to be very challenging for NHS and social care re Covid-19 and flu season
- Outlook for Council finances extremely uncertain with further one-year settlement likely
- Ability to restart paused activity e.g. Borough Plan engagement very limited
- Organisation and staff have responded very well but need to be mindful of capacity and resilience