

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
9 JUNE 2021
SCRUTINY OF THE COUNCIL'S IMPROVEMENT AND RECOVERY
REPORT OF HEAD OF LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE

1 Purpose

- 1.1 To establish the role of the Committee in scrutinising the Council's progress towards improvement and recovery.

2 Action required

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to consider the proposals for timely and appropriate scrutiny of the Council's improvement and recovery work throughout 2021/22.

3 Background information

- 3.1 The Committee has received a number of updates at previous meetings on progress to implement the recommendations of both the Report in the Public Interest concerning the Council's governance arrangements for Robin Hood Energy Ltd (PIR) and the Non-Statutory Review of Nottingham City Council(NSR), both of which took place in 2020.
- 3.2 In 2021/22, the Committee has agreed to focus its scrutiny in a more direct and focused way on elements of the improvement and recovery journey and the impact on policy and services, for example in the areas of strategic direction, financial stability and service changes.
- 3.3 The Committee would like to develop its role as a critical friend, with the ability to give proper consideration to, and potentially influence, essential plans and decisions being made in a timely way.
- 3.4 Since the Committee's last meeting on 5 May 2021, the Chair has met with the Leader (Councillor David Mellen) and the Deputy Leader (Councillor Sally Longford) to discuss the most effective way of working together to ensure that its scrutiny adds value to the improvement and recovery process.
- 3.5 The outcomes of the meeting can be summarised as follows:
- The Leader and/ or the Deputy Leader will attend the Committee's 7 July meeting to present a report on each of the improvement and recovery themes and to present progress on the refresh of the Corporate Plan.
 - Using the information presented in July, the Improvement and Assurance Board quarterly reports to Robert Jenrick (and his responses) and any other relevant sources of information, the Committee will decide on its focus for scrutiny of improvement and recovery, eg a particular theme, strategy or services.
 - The Leader would be willing to attend each Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting for approximately 15 minutes to provide a very brief update on key issues

in relation to improvement and recovery, to aid work programme planning, if this is wanted by the Committee and if his diary allows.

- 3.6 Nottingham City Council Improvement and Assurance Board's first report (17 March 2021) is publicly available on GOV.UK - <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/non-statutory-review-of-nottingham-city-council#history> and attached at Appendix 1. The second report is due to be published shortly.

4 List of attached information

- 4.1 None.

5 Background papers, other than published works or those disclosing exempt or confidential information

- 5.1 None.

6 Published documents referred to in compiling this report

- 6.1 Minutes of the Overview and Scrutiny Meeting, 5 May 2021.
- 6.2 Nottingham City Council Improvement and Assurance Board: first report, 17 March 2021.

7 Wards affected

- 7.1 All.

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