

REPORT OF THE COVID-19 IN-DEPTH SCRUTINY WORKING GROUP

Scrutiny Committee - 8 November 2022

Report of: Deputy Chief Executive & Chief Officer - Customer & Resources

Status: For Consideration

Key Decision: No

Executive Summary: This report presents the outcome of the Members Working Group on the effectiveness of the Council's response to COVID-19.

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Recommendation to Scrutiny Committee:

That the Scrutiny Committee consider the report and work of the In-Depth Scrutiny Working Group and if necessary, provide appropriate recommendations or feedback to Cabinet.

Reason for recommendation: To progress the recommendations of the Member working group.

Introduction and Background

- 1 At its meeting on 9 November 2021, the Scrutiny Committee resolved to set up an In-depth Scrutiny Working Group to evaluate the effectiveness of the Council's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 2 The Working Group considered the actions taken in response to the pandemic and considered the effectiveness of the Council's Emergency Plan.
- 3 The Working Group was made up of the following members of the Scrutiny Committee:
 - Cllr Osborne-Jackson (Chairman)
 - Cllr London
 - Cllr Pender
 - Cllr Layland
- 4 The conclusions and recommendations of the working group are set out in Appendix A.

Key Implications

Financial

Sevenoaks District Council operates within a balanced, 10 year budget. Any recommendations would therefore need to be subject to further investigation to remain within the current allocated budgets.

Legal Implications and Risk Assessment

No relevant legal implications or Risk Assessment

Equality Assessment

The decisions recommended through this paper have a remote or low relevance to the substance of the Equality Act. There is no perceived impact on end users.

Net Zero Implications

The decisions recommended through this paper have a remote or low relevance to the council's ambition to be Net Zero by 2030. There is no perceived impact regarding either an increase or decrease in carbon emissions in the district, or supporting the resilience of the natural environment.

Appendices

Appendix A - Report of the COVID-19 In-Depth Scrutiny Working Group

Background Papers

None

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