

**To the Chair and Members of the
AUDIT COMMITTEE**

RECOVERY PLAN PROGRESS REPORT: 2012/13 ANNUAL STOCKTAKE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. This report allows Audit Committee to view and comment upon the Annual Stocktake of the agreed Recovery Plan which was presented at Recovery Board on 7th December 2012 and has subsequently been sent to the Secretary of State by the Intervention Commissioners. Progress for the past year is set out in the reports attached at Appendix A.

Appendix A contains the following:

- A letter from the Lead Commissioner to the Secretary of State
- The Recovery Plan Progress Report, containing a summary from the Chief Executive and a detailed report of each Recovery Plan strand
- Draft Recovery Plan priorities for the coming year
- The Intervention Commissioners Annual Assessment

RECOMMENDATIONS

2. Audit Committee is asked to note and comment upon the content of the report.

BACKGROUND

3. The Recovery Plan sets out the proposed recovery process to address the weaknesses summarised in the Corporate Governance Inspection report. Progress on delivery of the plan is reported on a quarterly basis.

IMPACT ON THE COUNCIL'S KEY OBJECTIVES

Priority Theme	Mayor's Priorities for 2011/12	Implications of this initiative
1. Creating a strong, connected and inclusive economy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drive forward the Doncaster economy • Get the balance of public and private transport right • Promote Doncaster as a tourist destination • Regenerate Doncaster's town centres 	The priorities of the Council are addressed as part of the Corporate Plan and the budget setting process.
2. Developing stronger communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage community harmony and cohesion. Treat people as individuals, not by reference to labels and artificial groupings 	

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3. Increasing and improving housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raise housing standards 	
4. Protecting and improving all our children's lives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to improve education and skills • Build on a strengthening Children's Service 	
5. Improving health and support for independent lives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage attitudes of self-reliance, self-improvement and mutual respect within Doncaster communities 	
6. Tackling crime and anti-social behaviour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce crime and all forms of anti-social behaviour 	
7. Creating a cleaner and better environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to protect the environment from developers, decay and architectural vandalism 	
8. Internal Transformation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure local people get value for money from council services 	

RISKS & ASSUMPTIONS

5. Without clear accountability and effective performance management arrangements the progress of activity in the recovery plan may not proceed as quickly as required.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

6. There are no specific Legal Implications arising from this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7. Clear links between the budget process and Recovery Programme need to be maintained to ensure Recovery Programme actions can be contained within the Council's approved budgets.

CONSULTATION

8. There has been consultation with the three Commissioners on the format and layout of the reports. This progress report has been widely communicated, including to all Members and is available to the public via the Doncaster Recovery Board website.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

9. Doncaster MBC Recovery Plan

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