



Doncaster Council

Agenda

To all Members of the

REGENERATION & HOUSING OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY PANEL

Notice is given that a Meeting of the above Panel is to be held as follows:

Venue: Virtual meeting through Microsoft Teams

Date: Monday, 12th October, 2020

Time: 1.00 pm

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Items:

1. Apologies for absence.
2. To consider the extent, if any, to which the public and press are to be excluded from the meeting.

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3. Declarations of Interest, if any.
 4. Minutes of the meeting held on 9th March 2020 1 - 6
 5. Public Statements - [A period not exceeding 20 minutes for statements from up to 5 members of the public on matters within the Committees remit, proposing action(s) which may be considered or contribute towards the future development of the Committees Work Programme].
- A. Items where the Public and Press may not be excluded.**
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Members of the Regeneration & Housing Overview & Scrutiny Panel

Chair – Councillor Majid Khan
Vice-Chair – Councillor David Nevett

Councillors Duncan Anderson, Iris Beech, John Cooke, Steve Cox, Charlie Hogarth, Eva Hughes and John Mounsey

Invitee: Mark Whitehouse (Unite)

Agenda Item 4

DONCASTER METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

REGENERATION & HOUSING OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY PANEL

MONDAY, 9TH MARCH, 2020

A MEETING of the REGENERATION & HOUSING OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY PANEL was held at the COUNCIL CHAMBER - CIVIC OFFICE, DONCASTER on MONDAY, 9TH MARCH, 2020 at 2.00 PM

PRESENT:

Chair – Councillor David Nevett (Vice-Chair)

Councillors Duncan Anderson and Iris Beech

Invitee: - Mark Whitehouse (Unite)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Debbie Hogg, Director of Corporate Resources

Scot Cardwell, Assistant Director of Development

Drew Oxley, Head of Trading Services

Chris Dungworth, Interim Head of Service Business Doncaster

Helen Flint, Strategy and Performance Analyst

APOLOGIES:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Majid Khan, John Cooke, Steve Cox, Charlie Hogarth, Eva Hughes and John Mounsey

		<u>ACTION</u>
1	<u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.</u>	
2	<u>TO CONSIDER THE EXTENT, IF ANY, TO WHICH THE PUBLIC AND PRESS ARE TO BE EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING.</u>	
	RESOLVED: That Appendix 2 of agenda item 6 was not for publication because it contained exempt information within paragraph 3 of schedule 12a of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as it contains exempt information relating to the financial or business affairs of a particular person (including the Authority holding that information).	
3	<u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST, IF ANY.</u>	
	There were no declarations of interest.	

4	<u>MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF THE REGENERATION AND HOUSING OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MEETING HELD ON 1ST NOVEMBER 2019</u>	
	RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting be agreed as a correct record.	
5	<u>PUBLIC STATEMENTS - [A PERIOD NOT EXCEEDING 20 MINUTES FOR STATEMENTS FROM UP TO 5 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON MATTERS WITHIN THE COMMITTEES REMIT, PROPOSING ACTION(S) WHICH MAY BE CONSIDERED OR CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF THE COMMITTEES WORK PROGRAMME].</u>	
	There were no public statements.	
6	<u>UPDATE ON THE DELIVERY AND MANAGEMENT OF DONCASTER MARKETS (PLEASE NOTE APPENDIX 2 IS EXEMPT UNDER PARAGRAPH 3)</u>	
	<p>Further to the meeting held on 16th October, 2019 the Panel gave consideration to a report providing progress on the delivery of management of Doncaster and Mexborough Markets by Market Asset Management (Doncaster) Ltd (MAM).</p> <p>The report highlighted through key performance information that lettings had increased in the Wool Market and International Food Hall whilst maintaining the numbers of traders in the Corn Exchange, Fish Market, Outer Markets and Goose Hill.</p> <p>Members therefore addressed the following issues:</p> <p><u>General Management of the Contract</u> – As was highlighted at the last meeting, it was noted that monthly management meetings with MAM continued and as shown in the key performance indicators the Local Authority was happy with general management of the contract and lettings.</p> <p><u>Heating system</u> – In response to a Member referring to the proposed glazing infill solution required to reduce the drafts occurring at the top of the building and circulating cold air throughout, it was explained that the glass infills had been installed along with a number of heating units making a positive difference to the building temperature.</p> <p><u>Occupancy rates</u> – a Member suggested that a number of long term tenants had vacated their stalls and questioned what was in place to support people who could be struggling to continue with their business. It was confirmed that occupancy rates were due to increase within the final performance quarter, and particularly in the spring and summer was generally the best time for an increase in market traders. With</p>	

regard to long standing stall holders it was outlined that there was always expected to be some change and MAM offered assistance to traders including how to promote and sell goods online. Filling empty units was discussed at the monthly management meeting with MAM and assurances had been given that plans were in place to fill the vacant stalls in the next two months. With regard to the change of use for some stalls, this was an issue that would be raised at a future management meeting with MAM.

Town centre connectivity – In response to a member highlighting that following the Panel’s discussions over the last year relating to connectivity across the town centre, it was confirmed that access to the market area had improved through the provision of an additional bus stop sited adjacent to the market place.

Preparation for Covid -19 virus – in response to how the Covid – 19 virus could have an impact on the economy for Doncaster if it were to continue to worsen, it was explained the Local Authority’s Directors were focusing on how it would support a number of areas, including the Borough’s business economy and would be addressed across all services, not just specific to the market area.

Footfall – It was explained that in relation footfall over Christmas there were a number of events over this period that had assisted with the effort to increase visitors across the town centre, not just in the Market area.

Space at the rear of the Wool Market – it was noted that this area benefitted from a number of uses, for example, discretionary markets, one-off events and recently a pop up business school for entrepreneurs. Table Tennis and Foosball tables were currently located in the space for public use.

Corn Exchange – with regard to plans for this building, it was explained that MAM held the contract for the first year and would be providing plans for regeneration in the area underneath and units at the side of the corn exchange. Members acknowledged that currently artists were sited on the mezzanine level, craft schools on the first floor an uptake for units on the ground floor increasing.

Events – With regard to MAM taking the lead on events within the Market area the Panel was informed that this was not specifically part of their role, but for the Local Authority’s Events Team to develop and deliver the larger events that were detailed within the report. MAM however had arranged a small event for Pancake Day and plans were in place for Mother’s Day.

EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS.

RESOLVED that the public and press be excluded from the remainder

	<p>of discussion on this item, in accordance with Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, as amended, on the grounds that exempt information as defined in Paragraph 5,6 and 7 of Schedule 12A to the Act, was likely to be disclosed.</p> <p>In response to a question raised in relation to Appendix 2 of the report, Members were informed that discussions were being undertaken to resolve any contractual issues.</p> <p>The press and public returned to the meeting.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the discussion and report, be noted.</p>	
7	<p><u>UPDATE ON BUSINESS DONCASTER</u></p>	
	<p>A report was presented to the Panel providing current activities relating to Business Doncaster aimed at delivering new investments, job growth, supporting businesses, town centre initiatives, major events and improvements to attractions. During discussion Members addressed the following areas:</p> <p><u>Covid – 19 Virus</u> – Following recent news reports, the Panel again raised concern with regard to the flow of goods into Doncaster and it was explained that the Local Authority was keeping a watching brief and would respond to Central Government guidance. It was noted that there had been no intelligence from Doncaster businesses that they had been affected at this point.</p> <p><u>Impact following the recent flooding emergency</u> – Members acknowledged the damage caused to areas across Doncaster Borough following the recent floods but questioned whether there had been any impact on the Doncaster brand. It was explained that fortunately the impact on businesses had been minimal compared to 2007 and business enquiries had remained the same. Support had been provided to the business community to ensure they could return to normal as quickly as possible.</p> <p><u>Doncaster Business Show Case</u> – It was explained that this was the 11th year of the event with 260 exhibitors attending in February this 2020. There were no plans to change the format because evidence showed the event had been continually successful. The event had been branded as the largest business to business event in Yorkshire, with many companies across the region being approached by the Local Authority to promote the event. This year had seen an increase in visitors from outside the Borough, for example, Leeds, Scarborough and North Yorkshire.</p> <p><u>Links with the Spanish Business Association</u> – This was a UK organisation established for a number of Spanish Businesses that had approached the Local Authority particularly in relation to the Rail</p>	

	<p>sector. Therefore an event had been held in late 2019 specifically for 15 Spanish businesses and following that opportunity two new investments in the Doncaster area had been secured.</p> <p><u>Attracting inward investment</u> – generally inward investment was being sought across Doncaster’s boundaries therefore the Local Authority works closely with the Yorkshire, North West, North East and Department of International Trade to promote the area. Members noted that it was hoped tourism in Doncaster could be promoted in Poland.</p> <p><u>Doncaster Airport</u> - Members noted that Flybe had ceased business with Doncaster airport approximately 6 months prior to the company going into Administration. Discussions were regularly held with the Airport in relation to support available to them. It was also noted that the Airport was in discussion with Airlines relating to future flight expansion and that the freight business at the airport was increasing.</p> <p><u>Building new locomotives</u> – It was explained that within the recently submitted Local Plan to Central Government, land had been allocated for different employment use additional to the Unity project and development around the airport to ensure the best use for Doncaster was found. It was noted that the Local Plan Government Inspection still was awaited.</p> <p>To conclude it was outlined that the Local Authority worked with the Department of International Trade and was currently investigating a number of potential investors, for example, a steel manufacturer had recently visited the Unity Project, therefore evidencing that larger companies were starting to establish themselves in the uk. It was also noted that relationships with Central Government were very strong with key Departments engaging with the Authority to establish its full potential.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the discussion and report, be noted.</p>	
8	<p><u>OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY WORK PLAN AND THE COUNCIL'S FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS</u></p>	
	<p>The Senior Governance Officer outlined that Overview and Scrutiny would soon be developing its work plan for the following year and asked Members to raise any areas they wish to address. Members were reminded that any reviews should support the Imperatives within the Corporate Plan.</p> <p>Resolved: That the discussion be noted.</p>	

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Doncaster Council

Report

Date: 12th October 2020

**To the Chair and Members of the
Regeneration and Housing Overview and Scrutiny Panel**

REPORT TITLE: Economic impact arising from COVID-19

Relevant Member(s)	Cabinet	Wards Affected	Key Decision
Bill Mordue		All	No

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. This report provides information on the economic impact of COVID-19, how it has affected Doncaster and the effective distribution of business support grants

EXEMPT REPORT

2. The report is not exempt.

RECOMMENDATIONS

3. Members of the Regeneration and Housing Overview and Scrutiny Panel are asked to note and comment on the information provided.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR THE CITIZENS OF DONCASTER?

4. The performance of the economy benefits all citizens of Doncaster and COVID-19 has had a significant impact on economic performance over the last six months and will continue to do so for the foreseeable future

BACKGROUND

5. The Covid-19 pandemic has created both a medical crisis and an economic crisis across the world. Covid-19 containment measures have resulted in sharp declines in economic output, significant job losses and business closures, the consequences of which will be felt for years to come
6. In quarter 2 (April to June) 2020, the UK's gross domestic product (GDP) is estimated to have fallen by 20.4%, the biggest fall on record. In August 2020, the UK Claimant Count was 2.7 million, an increase of 1.5 million (or 120.8%) since March 2020.
7. All UK businesses have been affected by Covid-19, but the impact has been unequal. Sectors that are highly reliant on face to-face interactions, such as hospitality, leisure and non-food retailers have been hardest-hit. The people who work in those sectors, who tend to be younger and lower paid, have been particularly vulnerable to losing their jobs or having their wages cut.
8. Sectors that can operate relatively well with social distancing in place, for example construction and manufacturing have still been affected by reduced demand, supply chain disruption and the scaling back of investment. Other sectors have seen a more limited impact or even increased demand, for example food retail and delivery, digital technology and healthcare.
9. The economy has recovered to some extent since June when the lockdown measures were eased, with shops reopening, factories beginning to increase production and housebuilding picking up. However, the current consensus¹ is for an overall -10% contraction in the UK's GDP for 2020, which is greater than the Eurozone (-7.9%) America (-3.8%) and Japan (-5.8%). Making up the lost ground is a major challenge and even in five years, the UK economy is likely to be smaller than had been expected.
10. Prior to the pandemic, Doncaster was making good progress in developing a stronger and more inclusive economy. For example:
 - Between 2012 and 2018, Doncaster recorded a £1.57bn (+37%) increase in Gross Value Added (GVA) taking the total to £5.9bn.
 - The number of jobs had increased by 10,000 to 121,000 in five years.
 - The proportion of jobs in knowledge intensive business services (e.g. financial and professional services) had increased to 8.1% and the gap with the national average was narrowing.
 - In December 2019, the employment rate was 71.7%, which was 6 percentage points higher than five years ago.
 - The rate of house building was on a par with the national average and 2018/19 was a record year with over 1,300 net homes provided.
11. However, Doncaster entered the pandemic with relatively low economic resilience due to a number of long-standing challenges relating to, for example, the levels of skills, productivity, household income, unemployment and deprivation

¹ HM Treasury: 'Forecasts for the UK economy: a comparison of independent forecasts'

12. Doncaster has seen a steep rise in the Claimant Count to a total of 14,495 (as at 13 August 2020). This is a rate of 7.6% (for those aged from 16 to 64), which is higher than England (6.6%), Yorkshire and the Humber (6.7%) and the rest of South Yorkshire. Doncaster's claimant count for 16-24 year olds is 10.9%, which also the highest in South Yorkshire.
13. The Government announced the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (CJRS) on 20 March 2020 to provide employers with financial support for their employees' salary. In total 43,600 employments have been furloughed through the CJRS in Doncaster (32% of eligible employments which is the same rate as England) for at least part of the period between March to June. National level data indicates that the take up of the scheme has been falling since June as the UK economy has opened up. However, the CJRS scheme will end on the 31 October and unemployment could rise as a result. The degree to which this happens will depend on the impact of the Government's new Job Support Scheme, which starts in November.
14. Urban centres have been acutely affected by Covid-19. The Centre for Cities High Street Recovery Tracker looks at the extent to which the UK major towns and cities are returning to their pre-Covid levels of activity. It is positive to see that Doncaster town centre is in the top 10 for how much footfall levels have bounced back.
15. Looking ahead, Doncaster (and the rest of South Yorkshire) is vulnerable to the long-term scarring of its economy. For example, unemployment can have long lasting impact on residents who may find it increasingly difficult to reconnect with job opportunities, which can then impact on their health and well-being.
16. It is still too soon to understand the full economic effects of the pandemic as there are many uncertainties ahead, particularly given the threat of a second Covid-19 wave, the fluidity of Government economic support and social-distancing policy, the risk a disruptive Brexit and how households and businesses respond to all these factors. A sustained recovery is by no means assured and even on current data it is clear that long-term disparities in prosperity across the UK could be exacerbated.
17. On a positive note, the Business Doncaster Investment team are still receiving new enquiries from companies looking at Doncaster and enquiries remain above target levels. Enquires are predominantly from companies in the retail and warehousing sector, particular on line, looking for warehouse space
18. The property sector remains positive and speculative commercial development, which was under construction at the start of the pandemic, has continued throughout the last six months. Units under construction at Armthorpe and the Airport are close to completion and are attracting significant interest

19. Funding

20. At the start of the pandemic the government introduced a range of funding measures designed to support business through the initial lockdown period

21. Small Business rates grant scheme.

Small businesses in England, which pay little or no business rates, were entitled to a one off cash grant of £10,000

Doncaster beneficiaries

Claim Category	Number of businesses paid to date	Value paid to date
Small Business Grant	3981	£39,810,000

22. Retail, Hospitality and Leisure scheme

Depending on the rateable value of the premises businesses in the retail hospitality and leisure sectors were entitled to a one off cash grant of up to £25,000

In addition, businesses in the retail, hospitality and leisure sectors in England have had business rates frozen for the 2020 to 2021 tax year

Doncaster beneficiaries

Claim Category	Number of businesses paid to date	Value paid to date
Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Grant	849	£15,045,000

23. Discretionary Grant scheme

Small and micro businesses with fixed property costs that were not eligible for the small business grant or the retail, hospitality and leisure grant were eligible for a local authority discretionary grant scheme. The business had to fit into certain categories outlined in the table below

Doncaster beneficiaries

Claim Category	Number of businesses paid to date	Value paid to date
Phase 1		
Shared spaces	51	£255,000

B&Bs	1	£10,000
Charity property (no SBR)	13	£130,000
Regular market traders (£1,000 - £3,000 - £5,000)	32	£54,000 (22 x £1k, 9 x £3k, 1 x £5k)
Nurseries	31	£310,000
Supply chain	6	£60,000
Phase 2		
Not in Rating	130	£1,295,000
Local single business RV £15-51k	95	£475,000
Parish or Town Council with NDR liability	8	£80,000
Total	367	£2,669,000

24. In total 5,197 Doncaster businesses have benefitted from these funding scheme to the sum of £57,524,000
25. All these schemes are now closed for further applications although Business Rates have still a small number of payments still to be made
26. In addition, the Business Doncaster team have engaged with 611 businesses and gave them additional COVID-19 support in respect of help with completing grant applications, Human Resource issues, understanding furlough etc.
27. As we move towards a second wave of infections during the autumn / winter seasons we await further government announcements on further grants for businesses. If any are forthcoming it is expected they will be successfully administered through local authorities as in phase 1
28. In addition to government intervention the Sheffield City Region through its economic recovery work have tasked a group made up of sub regional local authority employees, chamber of commerce's and other regional bodies to look at a range of programmes to support businesses in the region. One group has been charged with looking at financial assistance and a programme of both grant and loan support is being considered for companies that have not been able to access any previous COVID-19 grants and to support companies in priority business sectors. This group will report to the SCR business growth board in October with a financial programme proposal. Other programmes being looked at are digital connectivity, leadership and management, business advisors and supply chains

OPTIONS CONSIDERED

29. There are no specific options to consider in this report

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDED OPTION

30. This report provides the Panel with an opportunity to gain further insight of the effects of COVID-19 on the national, regional and local economy and to receive

information on how government business grants have been allocated in Doncaster

IMPACT ON THE COUNCIL'S KEY OUTCOMES

31.

	Outcomes	Implications
	<p>Doncaster Working: Our vision is for more people to be able to pursue their ambitions through work that gives them and Doncaster a brighter and prosperous future;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better access to good fulfilling work • Doncaster businesses are supported to flourish • Inward Investment 	<p>The economy is at the centre of all Doncaster Council objectives and has a direct and indirect effect on all directorate Key Priorities</p>
	<p>Doncaster Living: Our vision is for Doncaster's people to live in a borough that is vibrant and full of opportunity, where people enjoy spending time;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The town centres are the beating heart of Doncaster • More people can live in a good quality, affordable home • Healthy and Vibrant Communities through Physical Activity and Sport • Everyone takes responsibility for keeping Doncaster Clean • Building on our cultural, artistic and sporting heritage 	
	<p>Doncaster Learning: Our vision is for learning that prepares all children, young people and adults for a life that is fulfilling;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every child has life-changing learning experiences within and beyond school • Many more great teachers work in Doncaster Schools that are good or better • Learning in Doncaster prepares young people for the world of work 	

	<p>Doncaster Caring: Our vision is for a borough that cares together for its most vulnerable residents;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children have the best start in life • Vulnerable families and individuals have support from someone they trust • Older people can live well and independently in their own homes 	
	<p>Connected Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A modern, efficient and flexible workforce • Modern, accessible customer interactions • Operating within our resources and delivering value for money • A co-ordinated, whole person, whole life focus on the needs and aspirations of residents • Building community resilience and self-reliance by connecting community assets and strengths • Working with our partners and residents to provide effective leadership and governance 	

RISKS AND ASSUMPTIONS

32. There are no specific risks associated with the recommendations of this report

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS [Officer Initials SRF Date 28/9/20]

33. There are no specific legal implications arising from this report. Specific legal advice can be provided on any matters arising.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS [Officer Initials...JC..... Date...28/09/2020..]

34. On 29 September Cabinet considered the report “Updated medium-term financial strategy (MTFS 2021/22 – 2023/24)”. This report described the forecast impact of COVID-19 on the council’s financial outlook including the impact of lower business rates and a general downturn in the economy. The report considered risks relating to the economy including:
- Third Parties – risks that might materialise as a result of third parties and suppliers ceasing trading or withdrawing from the market.
 - Price Inflation – risks that inflation increases by more than the estimate built into the MTFS.

- Economy – risk that a recession increases the level of default on debt and bad debt provisions have to increase and/or a higher level of debt has to be written off.
- Spending Review – risks that may materialise as a result of the multi-year Spending Review, and reforms to Business Rates Retention and the Fair Funding Review.
- Business Rates Retention – risk that a Business Rates reset occurs in the next 3 years (assumption is that it does not happen but only formally postponed by Government until 2021/22 at the earliest) which would result in a loss of funding to the council.
- Collection Fund – risks that the income from Council tax and Business rates reducing by more than forecast in the MTFS assumptions.
- Exiting the European Union – risks that may materialise due to exiting the European Union e.g. increases costs.

All risks including the above will be monitored during 2020/21 and the MTFS will be updated accordingly in preparation for 2021/22 budget setting.

Specific financial implications relating to government funding measures designed to support business through the initial lockdown period are included within the body of the report.

HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS [Officer Initials DK Date 28/09/2020]

35. There are no direct HR implications to this report

TECHNOLOGY IMPLICATIONS [Officer Initials PW Date 25/09/20]

36. There are no specific technology implications in relation to this report. Online forms have been developed as needed to support the funding measures outlined above.

HEALTH IMPLICATIONS [Officer Initials...CT.....Date ...28.09.20.....]

37. Public Health is appreciative of the overview of the situation regarding the economic impact arising from Covid 19. It is clear that the impacts to our economy will be far reaching, particularly on business who are unable to weather the storm, as well as people who are less skilled, less able to travel for employment and less able to adapt to change.

Working with our partners across SCR and other regional and sub-regional bodies will help develop a population approach to maximise opportunities for individuals and communities and businesses, and in particular those most vulnerable to the uncertain situation, to prevent widening health and social inequalities.

EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS [Officer Initials...CD... Date.....10.10.20.....]

38. There are no equality implications with regards to this report. Regular review of the Overview and Scrutiny work plan enables the Committee to ensure it remains relevant and is responding to important issues for citizens and the borough. The work plan update helps support openness, transparency and accountability as it summarises outcomes from overview and scrutiny activities. Citizens are able to contribute to the work of overview and scrutiny by attending meetings or contributing to reviews

CONSULTATION

39. There is no consultation required for this report

BACKGROUND PAPERS

40. None

GLOSSARY OF ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

GDP = Gross Domestic Product
GVA = Gross Value added
CJRS = Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme
SBR = Small Business Rates
RV = Rateable Value
NDR = Non domestic rates liability
SCR = Sheffield City Region

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OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY WORK PLAN 2020/21

	OSMC	H&ASC O&S	CYP O&S	R&H O&S	C&E O&S
May	Friday 1st May, 2020 11am – Briefing Session				
	OSMC and Vice Chairs - way forward during the Covid-19 pandemic period.				
	Wednesday 13th May, 2020 5pm – Briefing Session				
	How the Local Authority is identifying and responding to the needs of vulnerable people				
	Thursday 28th May 2020 5pm – Briefing Session				
	Use of grant funding and impacts				
June	Thursday 11th June 2020 5pm – Briefing Session				
	Street scene services, cleaner and greener; Household Waste Centres				
	Thurs, 25th June 2020, 10am (AS)				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qtrly Finance & Performance Report – Qtr 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DMBC • SLHD • DCST • Scrutiny Work Plan 				

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July	Cancelled Thurs, 16 th July 2020, 10am	Cancelled Thurs, 2nd July 2020, 10am	Thursday 9 th July 2020 5pm – Briefing Session	Thursday 23 rd July 2020, 5pm – Briefing session	Wed, 29 th July 2020, 10am
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Home schooling during Covid-19 pandemic – schools approach and support and advice available Potential impact on educational outcomes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Impact on delivery of major projects during the covid-19 pandemic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update on Environmental Strategy and Climate Commission Work planning meeting
	Wed 29 th July 2020 1pm	Mon 27 th July 2020 12.30 pm	Cancelled Thurs, 23 rd July 2020, 4:30pm	Thurs 30 th July 2020 5pm	
	Work planning meeting	Work planning meeting		Work planning meeting	
		Tues 28 th July 2020 11am (CM) South Yorkshire Regional Joint Scrutiny Virtual Meeting.			
Aug		Thurs 6 th August 2020 5pm (CM)	Mon 3 rd Aug 2020 5pm		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mental Health (include suicide prevention) – impact from the covid-19 pandemic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work planning meeting 		
Sept	Thurs 3 rd Sept 2020, 12:30pm Cancelled & moved from 10 th Sept 2020, 10am (CR)				Friday 18 th Sept 2020 9.30am (CR)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Qtrly Finance & Performance Report – Qtr 1 (specific issue staff sickness and back to work interviews) (c) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DMBC SLHD DCST O&S Workplan – Sept Update (c) 				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flooding Briefing session

FP – Forward Plan Decision

CR, CM or AS – Officer Responsible

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Licensing Strategy (c) 				
	Tues, 22nd Sept 2020 at 4pm Briefing Session		Thurs, 17th Sept 2020, 4:30pm (CM)		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning White Paper Consultation (c) 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Theme - Early intervention in localities supporting families in the place (c) 		
			Ext Tues, 29th Sept 2020, 5:00pm (CM)		
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Theme – Participation Child Friendly Borough (c) Doncaster Offer (Youth Strategy) (c) 		
Oct				Thurs 8th Oct 2020 at 4pm R and H Briefing Session (All Members welcome)	
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Housing Strategy Housing Delivery Plan 	
	Thurs, 8th October 2020, 10am	Thurs, 1st October 2020, 10am (CM)		Mon, 12th Oct 2020 at 1pm rescheduled from Wed, 14th Oct	Thurs, 22nd October 2020 At 2pm
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council Compliments and Complaints (c) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensuring access to day support and short breaks during the Covid 19 pandemic (c) Health Protection Assurance Report (deferred from meeting in March 2020) (c) 		<p>Economic impact arising from COVID (c)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To include Business Support Grants (main fund and discretionary fund) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> how has this been utilised. 	<p>Flooding (c)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section 19 requirements; Winter preparations for flooding assurance ahead of winter period
Wed, 21st October 2020, 4pm Members Seminar –OSMC led					

FP – Forward Plan Decision

CR, CM or AS – Officer Responsible

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning White Paper Consultation (c) 				
Nov	<p>Mon 2nd Nov 2020, 10am rescheduled from Thurs, 5th Nov</p>	<p>Thurs, 26th Nov 2020, 10am</p>	<p>Extraordinary- Wed 11th November, 2020 4.30pm</p>		<p>Date TBC</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Digital Recovery & Renewal Strategy(c) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Winter Planning Partnership Plan to including hospital discharges to care homes, track and trace (local) and CV-19 Doncaster position 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Theme Education, Skills and Curriculum Recovery Achievements in relationships with Academies; Reintegration into education; NEET; Skills and transition into employment. Learning Provision Organisation Strategy; Education achievement and attendance; 		<p>Domestic Abuse (during the pandemic)</p>
					<p>Date TBC</p>
					<p>Briefing session Environmental Strategy development</p>
Dec	<p>Thurs 3rd Dec 2020, 10am (AS)</p>		<p>Thurs, 10th Dec 2020, 4:30pm</p>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Qtrly Finance & Performance Report – Qtr 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DMBC SLHD DCST 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Theme – Safeguarding Whole System including demand management; Doncaster Children’s Safeguarding Board Annual Report 		
Jan	<p>Wed, 20th Jan 2021 10am</p>	<p>Thurs, 28th Jan 2021, 10am</p>			
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Childhood obesity Get Doncaster Moving (to include invite to DCLT) 			

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Substantial variation GP Practice Proposed Merger 			
Feb	Thurs, 4 th Feb 2021, 10am				Wed, 10 th Feb 2021, 10am
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget Corporate Plan 				Crime and Disorder Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reflection on Covid period 2020
	Thurs, 25 th Feb, 2021 10am				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Qtrly Finance & Performance Report – Qtr 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DMBC SLHD DCST 				
March		Thurs, 18 th March 2021, 2pm	Thurs, 11 th March 2021, 4:30pm	Wed, 3 rd March 2021 – 10:00am, Council Chamber	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health Protection Assurance Report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Theme – Health and well-being of children; How to promote and transition of children with learning disability into Adult Education. 	-	
Apr	Thurs, 1 st April 2021, 10am				
May					

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POSSIBLE ISSUES FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OR TO BE SCHEDULED					
<p>Youth Justice Plan – being dealt with through a different process in 2020</p>	<p>Changes to Adult Social Care Charges 1 year on – first meeting in 2021/22</p>	<p>Education and Skills 2030 Strategy – going as part of DGT</p>	<p>Housing Delivery Plan – October/early November</p>	<p>Environmental/Climate Change</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate Change Commission Report – Oct • Transportation (link to Climate Change/Covid) – Review – timing tbc link to Regeneration and Housing • Hatfield Moors Fires • Environment Strategy (Cleaner/Green proposed early January) <p>Other areas arising out of the above will be reviewed throughout the year and maybe rolled over on a continual basis.</p>	
<p>DGT 2 and Borough Strategy (Early January 2021)</p>	<p>RDaSH Quality Accounts – December 2020</p>	<p>All Age Learning Disability Strategy (TBC)</p>		<p>•Water Management Consortium and Doncaster East Internal Drainage Board–update following 2018/19 Flood Review (deferred from 2019/2020 tbc)</p>	
<p>Budget 21/22 – October 2020 onwards (including CSR settlement)</p>					
<p>Ward budgets – 6 months on – addressing community vibrancy, lessons learnt particularly operating through Covid-19, barriers - review</p>					

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	Contract commissioning – roll over to 2021/22				
		<p><u>Briefing Note</u></p> <p>Adults Safeguarding – January/February 2021</p>		<p><u>Briefing Notes</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homelessness – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ response to homelessness (in response to Covid 19) and implications on housing stock/budget/support ○ ending of suspension of evictions for those renting in private renting (23rd Aug) when court actions can resume ○ impact on number that could be made homeless ○ support to those finding new accommodation/sustaining tenancies • Council Properties Rent Payments; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Impact from job losses/redundancies/delays in Universal Credit 	<p><u>Briefing Notes</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rapid Improvement Programme • Future parks' and green space • Social Isolation and Loneliness Alliance Update

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ measures in place to support those impacted.● Flooding– flooding being addressed by C & E so may need to review what is covered to avoid duplication and ensure the issues remained linked<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Flood resilience and housing – how we can become more resilient to flooding.○ Economic impact from flooding● SCR Devolution● Funding Streams and progress made eg. Towns Fund January 2021	
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DONCASTER METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL
FORWARD PLAN FOR PERIOD 1 NOVEMBER 2020 TO 28 FEBRUARY 2021

The Forward Plan sets out details of all Key Decisions expected to be taken during the next four months by either the Cabinet collectively, The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Portfolio Holders or Officers and is updated and republished each month.

A Key Decision is an executive decision which is likely:-

- (a) to result in the Local Authority incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant having regard to the Local Authority's budget for the service or function to which the decision relates; or
- (b) to be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards or electoral divisions in the area of the Local Authority;
- (c) any decision related to the approval or variation of the Policy and budget Framework that is reserved to the Full Council.

The level of expenditure/savings which this Authority has adopted as being financially significant are (a) in the case of the revenue budget, gross full-year effect of £250,000 or more b) in the case of capital budget, £1,000,000 or more in respect of a single project or otherwise across one financial year.or the decision has a significant impact on 2 or more wards.

Please note in addition to the documents identified in the plan, other documents relevant to a decision may be submitted to the Decision Maker. Details of any additional documents submitted can be obtained from the Contact Officer listed against each decision identified in this plan.

In respect of exempt items, if you would like to make written representations as to why a report should be considered in public, please send these to the contact officer responsible for that particular decision. Unless otherwise stated, representations should be made at least 14 days before the expected date of the decision.

KEY

Those items in **BOLD** are **NEW**

Those items in **ITALICS** have been **RESCHEDULED** following issue of the last plan

Prepared on 1st October, 2020 and superseding all previous Forward Plans with effect from the period identified above.

Damian Allen
Chief Executive

MEMBERS OF THE CABINET

Cabinet Member For:

Mayor - Ros Jones

Deputy Mayor - Councillor Glyn Jones

Councillor Nigel Ball

Councillor Joe Blackham

Councillor Rachael Blake

Councillor Nuala Fennelly

Councillor Chris McGuinness

Councillor Bill Mordue

Councillor Jane Nightingale

- Housing and Equalities

- Public Health, Leisure and Culture

- Highways, Street Scene and Trading Services

- Adult Social Care

- Children, Young People and Schools

- Communities, Voluntary Sector and the Environment

- Business, Skills and Economic Development

- Customer and Corporate Resources.

Some Decisions listed in the Forward Plan are to be taken by Full Council

Members of the Full Council are:-

Councillors Nick Allen, Duncan Anderson, Lani-Mae Ball, Nigel Ball, Iris Beech, Joe Blackham, Rachael Blake, Nigel Cannings, Bev Chapman, Phil Cole, John Cooke, Mick Cooper, Jane Cox, Steve Cox, Linda Curran, George Derx, Susan Durant, Nuala Fennelly, Neil Gethin, Sean Gibbons, John Gilliver, Martin Greenhalgh, Pat Haith, John Healy, Rachel Hodson, Charlie Hogarth, Mark Houlbrook, David Hughes, Eva Hughes, Glyn Jones, R. Allan Jones, Ros Jones, Ken Keegan, Majid Khan, Jane Kidd, Nikki McDonald, Tosh McDonald, Chris McGuinness, Sue McGuinness, Bill Mordue, John Mounsey, David Nevett, Jane Nightingale, Ian Pearson, Andy Pickering, Cynthia Ransome, Tina Reid, Andrea Robinson, Kevin Rodgers, Dave Shaw, Derek Smith, Frank Tyas, Austen White, Sue Wilkinson, Jonathan Wood, Paul Wray.

WHEN DECISION IS EXPECTED TO BE TAKEN	KEY DECISION TO BE TAKEN	RELEVANT CABINET MEMBER	DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY	CONTACT OFFICER(S)	DOCUMENTS TO BE CONSIDERED BY DECISION MAKER	REASON FOR EXEMPTION – LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 SCHEDULE 12A
17 Nov 2020	Proposal for 2 year Contract Extension for the RDASH Diamond Centre (Formerly known as Solar Centre)	Councillor Rachael Blake, Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care	Cabinet	Kathryn Anderson-Bratt, Head of Service - Commissioning and Contracts Tel: 01302 737013 Kathryn.Anderson-Bratt@doncaster.gov.uk		Open
17 Nov 2020	Learning Provision Strategy in Doncaster.	Councillor Nuala Fennelly, Portfolio Holder for Children, Young People and Schools.	Cabinet	Neil McAllister, School Organisation Manager neil.mcallister@doncaster.gov.uk		Open
17 Nov 2020	To approve the revised Housing Strategy 2020-2025	Councillor Glyn Jones, Deputy Mayor, Portfolio Holder for Housing and Equalities.	Cabinet	Karen Lythe, Assistant Director of Housing Karen.Lythe@doncaster.gov.uk		Open

17 Nov 2020	To approve the Five Year New Homes Delivery Plan.	Councillor Glyn Jones, Deputy Mayor, Portfolio Holder for Housing and Equalities.	Cabinet	Karen Lythe, Assistant Director of Housing Karen.Lythe@doncaster.gov.uk		Open
17 Nov 2020	Update on the development of the new Big Picture project	Councillor Nuala Fennelly, Portfolio Holder for Children, Young People and Schools.	Cabinet	Martyn Owen martyn.owen@doncaster.gov.uk		Part exempt
1 Dec 2020	St Leger Homes Performance Report 2020/21 Quarter 2 (Non Key Decision)	Councillor Glyn Jones, Deputy Mayor, Portfolio Holder for Housing and Equalities.	Cabinet	Julie Crook Tel: 01302 862705		Open

1 Dec 2020	Quarter 2 2020-21 Finance and Performance Report and the 'Delivering for Doncaster' Booklet	Mayor Ros Jones	Cabinet	Faye Tyas, Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Director of Finance faye.tyas@doncaster.gov.uk, Louise Parker, Head of Service Strategy & Performance Unit Manager Louise.Parker@doncaster.gov.uk		Open
12 Jan 2021	Approval of the Council Tax Base for 2021/22	Mayor Ros Jones	Cabinet	Alan Stoves, Head of Revenues and Benefits Tel: 01302 735585 Alan.stoves@doncaster.gov.uk		Open
21 Jan 2021	To agree a new Doncaster Borough Strategy (2021-2030)	Mayor Ros Jones, Mayor of Doncaster with responsibility for Budget and Policy Framework	Council, Cabinet 12/01/21 Council 21/01/21	Allan Wiltshire, Head of Policy and Partnerships allan.wiltshire@doncaster.gov.uk		Open

23 Feb 2021	Quarter 3 2020-21 Finance and Performance Report and the 'Delivering for Doncaster' Booklet	Mayor Ros Jones	Cabinet	Faye Tyas, Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Director of Finance faye.tyas@doncaster.gov.uk, Louise Parker, Head of Service Strategy & Performance Unit Manager Louise.Parker@doncaster.gov.uk		Open
23 Feb 2021	St Leger Homes Performance Report 2020/21 Quarter 3 (non key decision)	Councillor Glyn Jones, Deputy Mayor, Portfolio Holder for Housing and Equalities.	Cabinet	Paul Tanney, Chief Executive, St Leger Homes of Doncaster paul.tanney@stlegerhomes.co.uk		Open
23 Feb 2021	To approve new discretionary relief schemes for Business Rates for 2021/22.	Mayor Ros Jones	Cabinet	Alan Stoves, Head of Revenues and Benefits Tel: 01302 735585 Alan.stoves@doncaster.gov.uk		Open