

Agenda Item Introduction

Committee CORPORATE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date 10 JANUARY 2023

Topic **ECONOMIC RECOVERY**

BACKGROUND

As the committee is responsible for Scrutiny functions in respect of decisions and activities within the remit of the council, it is important for the committee to gain an understanding of the progress of the Corporate Plan and its objectives over its lifetime.

The committee have requested that each of the main three key activities be looked at in a formal capacity. Economic Recovery is one key activity that was announced within the Corporate Plan as a main area of focus.

The questions below are focused on the Councils central strategies on growth and economic development – the high level, strategic documents underpinning wider plans on economic development and growth.

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The committee would like further information on:

- 1. Is there an Economic Development Plan that picks up from the previous plan that covered 2019-2021?
- 2. What is the scope of the plan who "owns" it?
- 3. How will success in delivering the plan be evaluated and by whom?
- 4. How does the plan account for changes in policy and direction at national, regional and local level?
- 5. What work has been carried out to understand where current, and future, strengths and weaknesses lie in the islands economy?
- 6. To what extent do our island needs align with the Government's priorities and missions on levelling up?
- 7. How do our economic development plans fit together with our plans on transport, housing, skills, and other areas?
- 8. How do our plans fit together with the plans of our partners, including those who we might not immediately identify as partners with a stake in this issue?
- 9. What has been the impact on economic recovery with the things that have been achieved so far and have they delivered on what they were supposed to achieve?

APPROACH

A committee report to be submitted.

DOCUMENTS ATTACHED

None provided.

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