

# 2021/22 Q3

## STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS AND COVID RECOVERY

**Cabinet Member:** Councillor Lora Peacey Wilcox

**Portfolio Responsibilities:**

- Civic Affairs
- Civic Events
- Media
- Graphic Design
- Print Unit (N/A after 2021/22 Q3)
- Covid-19 Recovery

**Service Updates - Key Aspirations and Ongoing Business**

The Council has continued to work with the Island's MP to ensure representation is made to government that ensures that the Isle of Wight's benefits from the "levelling up" agenda as much as possible. As part of this work, we continue to liaise with other local authorities across the region to understand their thoughts.

Between July and October 2021, the council was able to employ additional staff under the banner of the government's Welcome Back Fund. These staff were tasked with ensuring the standards of the public realm were maintained to the highest of standards, particularly in resort areas.

The introduction of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Integrated Care System (ICS) is rescheduled to July 2022 as a result of the delay in approval of the Health and Social Care Bill. Conversations remain on hold while health and care systems react to the spread of the Omicron variant of COVID-19. A proposal for an approach to developing an Isle of Wight 'branch' of the ICS has been sent to the ICS Chief Executive designate and a follow up meeting has been agreed as soon as the pressures in the health and care system allow.

Work is ongoing to ensure that the council is doing all it can to maintain and improve the Island's resilience and wellbeing in relation to COVID-19. During Q3 the government introduced a number of changes in the management of covid in direct response to the emergence of the Omicron variant.

Committee report templates and guidance for authors have been updated to reflect the inclusion requirements that the council has set out as being their priorities within the corporate plan. This will ensure that any decision reports contain all relevant information relating to the impact against those priorities for consideration. Background papers will be expected to be included, save for where this may contravene a legal obligation the council has in their disclosure.

## Strategic Risks

Achieving the vision for the Island		
Assigned to: Chief Executive		
Inherent Score	Target Score	Current Score
14 RED	6 GREEN	12 RED
Previous scores		
Sep 21	Jul 21	Feb 21
12 RED	12 RED	12 RED
Risk score is consistent		

**Dealing with threats to business continuity (including cyber incidents)**

**Assigned to: Assistant Chief Executive and Director of Strategy**

Inherent score	Target score	Current score
12 RED	6 LOW	9 AMBER
<b>Previous scores</b>		
Sep 21	Jul 21	Feb 21
N/A	N/A	N/A
Risk score as expected		