

Report to Economic and Environmental Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee Tuesday 24th November 2020

Subject: Call in of decision on Sheffield Covid Business Recovery Plan

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1.0 Background

- 1.1 On the 21st Octover 2020, the Cabinet took the following decision:
- (a) notes the role of the Council in developing the Sheffield COVID Business Recovery Plan as part of a collaboration with the Sheffield Business Response Group;
- (b) endorses the Sheffield COVID Business Recovery Plan as a framework for action to help address the economic impacts of COVID;
- (c) notes and acknowledges the role the Council will play in delivering elements of the Plan as part of the Business Response Group, with the Plan informing the City's bids for COVID relief and recovery funding;
- (d) notes the collaborative approach taken to develop the action plan, creating the basis for a new long-term relationship with the private sector in Sheffield, working together to help to shape the city's long-term economic Strategy; and
- (e) notes that a report seeking approval to establish a £2m Fund to support interventions that address some of the economic impacts of Covid-19 would be considered by the Leader in early November.

- 1.2 The Call-In notice is attached to this report as Appendix 1. Additional documents for this item include Appendix 2, Cabinet Decision Record and Appendix 3, the original report of Executive Director, Place, to the Cabinet.
- 1.3 As per Part 4, section 16 of Sheffield City Council's Constitution, this decision has been called in, preventing implementation of the decision until it has been considered by this Scrutiny Committee.
- 1.4 The Call-In notice states that the reasons for the Call-in are: "Scrutiny of the Sheffield Covid Business Recovery Plan and the actions that the Council intends to take as a result of that plan."

The lead signatory is Councillor Martin Smith, with co-signatories being Councillors Mohammed Mahroof, Alan Hooper, Barbara Masters and Ian Auckland.

2.0 The Scrutiny Committee is being asked to:

- 2.1 As per the Scrutiny Procedure rules, scrutinise the decision and take one of the following courses of action:
 - refer the decision back to the decision making body or individual for reconsideration in the light of recommendations from the Committee;
 - (b) request that the decision be deferred until the Scrutiny Committee has considered relevant issues and made recommendations to the Executive:
 - (c) take no action in relation to the called-in decision but consider whether issues arising from the call-in need to be fed back to the decision maker or added to the work programme of an existing Scrutiny Committee;
 - (d) if, but only if (having taken the advice of the Monitoring Officer and/or the Chief Finance Officer), the Committee determines that the decision is wholly or partly outside the Budget and Policy Framework, refer the matter, with any recommendations, to the Council after following the procedures in the Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules

(If a Scrutiny Committee decides on (a), (b) or (d) as its course of action, there is a continuing bar on implementing the decision).

2.2 The Scrutiny Procedure rules state that if a decision is referred back, it is referred back to the individual or body that made the decision. In this case the decision maker is Cabinet.

Background Papers

- Appendix 1 Call in notice
- Appendix 2 Cabinet decision record 21/10/20
- Appendix 3 Report of Executive Director, Place to Cabinet dated 21/10/20

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