

Appendix A - Covid Recovery Working Party on 8 September: Recommendations from Cabinet on 21 September 2020

Approved Recommendations from Cabinet on 21 September 2020	Priority (High, Medium, Low)	Timescale	Estimated Cost	Group Head lead
<u>Theme 1: Business Communities, Sector and Innovation</u>				
1(i) A reliable database of skills shortage is compiled so that the District can effectively play its part in recovering and continuing the economic wellbeing of businesses and residents in the future. The Arun Business Partnership should be involved in this process	Low – Officers fully engaged on other projects at present. When resources become available Officers will establish what information is currently available. GBEB and the CWSP have recently commissioned some useful reports on the impact of COVID on the local economy and its workforce.	Unknown at this time.	The cost of any additional resources will become clearer once the initial review of existing resources is completed.	Denise Vine
1(ii) a further study is initiated into the convergence of the results of the survey of skills shortages with the extra Government funding for “Skills Academies”	As above			Denise Vine
<u>Theme 2: Labour Markets, Unemployment and Skills</u>				
2(i) The Council supports the emergency provision of IT equipment to disadvantaged pupils and students. It is therefore recommended that Cabinet seeks clarification from West Sussex County Council about any plans it has to continue the supply of IT equipment to disadvantaged pupils in schools or colleges	High – students require IT equipment at all times.	CEO has emailed West Sussex County Council and is awaiting a response.	Some “old” IT equipment may have been sold, but income lost would be small.	Alan Peach

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<u>Theme 3: Hospitality/Visitor Economy and Rural Areas</u>				
3(i) The Planning Policy Sub-Committee consider how the provision of higher numbers of self-catering units for families and individuals in the District might be increased	Medium – A study will be commissioned to consider what are the accommodation needs of the district.	6 months for report to be presented once contract let	Unknown at this time. Enquiries being made on cost and timescale	Neil Crowther
3(ii) Agreement be given to seek the approval of the Council to seek a Commercial Buyer of the Sussex by the Sea brand	Low – may have little commercial value. There is a direct link to the recent Blue Sail review of tourism services. Recommend put on hold until outcome of the review is agreed.	Not applicable at this time if the proposal is put on hold.	Not known at this time.	Denise Vine
<u>Theme 4: Place Making, High Streets</u>				
4(i) Approval be given to consult with Parish and Town Councils to establish their capability and willingness to continue to provide Community Hubs for the future to ensure that community/social support gained during the emergency are not lost	Medium – a longer term aim	By Summer 2021 consultation to take place with the Parish and Town Councils.	No cost	Robin Wickham
4(ii) Reviews take place on the previous strategies for the two seafronts to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-examine the 2016 Bognor Regis Seafront Delivery Plan and prioritise a series of deliverable interventions and actions • Re-examine the 2014 Nine Big Ideas for Littlehampton, Concept Investment Plan and the 2016 Seafront Greens and Promenade project ideas and identify ways to progress the recommendations into deliverable projects 	Medium – report to be presented to new Economy Committee in 2021.	6 months – this work can't be completed earlier because of other priorities.	Not known at this time.	Denise Vine

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<u>Theme 5: Green/Sustainable Recovery</u>				
5(i) The emerging heightened importance of the appointment of a Climate Change and Sustainability Manager to deliver a green, carbon neutral plan for the District is noted	High -this does not appear to be an action from the Working Party, but is 'noted'	Post currently advertised. Carbon budget and Action Plan to be developed in 2021 with key milestones.	Within Council budget (circa £60k pa)	Robin Wickham
5ii) The "Climate Change and Sustainability Manager" (when appointed) should fully engage with local enterprises in the drive for economic recovery including "green" insulation and heating for homes, business premises and public buildings and other emerging innovations and new products	Medium - this is not within the current remit of the new post as the priority is to deal with the carbon reduction for the operations of the Council initially, not the wider community.	However, some relevant work is currently being coordinated with WSCC and ADC regarding opportunities for bulk purchasing of solar panels.	Not known at this time.	Robin Wickham
5(iii) A study is commissioned aimed at gaining improved synergy from the numerous "bio-diversity" groups within the District so that better value is obtained from the District's contributions to their diverse interests and activities	Low	To be achieved through the annual community groups forum.	No cost	Joe Russell-Wells
5iv) When the full and final recommendations from the Government's independent review are published the Council establishes a Working Party to consider a food strategy for local implementation	Low - this does not appear to be an action from the Working Party, but is 'noted'	Unknown at this time	Not known at this time	Officers will need to understand the implications more fully before identifying a lead Officer.