

Covid19 Health Emergency

Moving to Recovery (Draft)



■ Courageous

■ Positive

■ Responsible

The Covid19 health emergency has posed a significant and unprecedented challenge to our way of life and the way which Newport City Council delivers its services. On the city's road to returning to a 'new normal', we have revisited our strategic aims to build on the work that the Council and our partners have delivered during this crisis, and to ensure that we continue to build a better Newport by protecting lives, supporting our communities and the vulnerable, reducing inequalities, and rebuilding our economy.

What we have done to date:

- Worked with partners to move vulnerable people, including our street homeless into temporary accommodation
- Provided £30,000 of funding to local foodbanks and distributed around 700 food parcels from our neighbourhood hubs
- Ensured families are supported with free school meals, digital access and childcare for our keyworkers
- Worked across our communities and businesses to ensure social distancing guidelines are understood and complied with

- Processed 2,250 grant applications issuing £30m to eligible businesses in Newport.
- Reconfigured our services to continue providing waste and recycling
- Used digital technology to enable staff to deliver key services to our communities
- Ensured all of our front line staff in contact with the community have access to the right Personal Protective Equipment
- Delivered vital social care services for all that need them
- Maintained our public spaces, including parks and cemeteries, so the public can use these safely
- Worked with partners to address community safety issues including anti-social behaviour, domestic abuse and hate crime

Strategic Aim 1

Understand, and respond to, the additional challenges which Covid19 has presented, including loss of employment, impact on business and on the progress, achievement and wellbeing of both mainstream and vulnerable learners.

Support schools and other education establishments to safely reopen for both staff and pupils.

Work to prevent and reduce inequality of progress and outcomes in education for mainstream and vulnerable learners through the implementation of the National Continuity of Learning Plan.

Support schools to enhance and develop digital skills, digital teaching and learning platforms, and enhanced support for digitally excluded learners.

Support and enable people that are digitally excluded to access community IT programmes, council and other services.

Support people who have been affected by unemployment to access new opportunities through training and re-employment required for post Covid 19 businesses.

Ensure our diverse communities are appropriately supported through tailored interventions specific to their needs.

Strategic Aim 2

Understand and respond to the impact of Covid19 on the city's economic and environmental goals to enable Newport to thrive again.

Maintain our focus on regenerating Newport to deliver existing and new investment projects.

Enable and support the construction industry to re-establish the supply of new and affordable housing.

Enable and support businesses re-establish normal operations whilst maintaining the health and safety of their workers and customers.

Enable and support businesses to prepare for future trade arrangements resulting from Brexit negotiations.

Protect and improve the environment, including air quality and decarbonisation of the city for its residents, businesses and visitors.

Continuing support and safe delivery of the Council's City Services including waste, cleansing and highways.

Strategic Aim 3

Promote and protect the health and wellbeing of people, safeguarding our most vulnerable, and building strong, resilient communities.

Support people to remain living independently in their homes and communities.

Fully restore Children and Adult Services, supporting partners that have been impacted by Covid19 and ensuring service users and staff are supported and protected.

Assess the impact and the long term sustainability of the social care sector in Newport informing future service requirements.

Safeguard and support children and young people to remain safely with their families.

Improve opportunities for Active Travel and work towards improved air quality.

Regulate businesses and support consumers / residents to protect and improve their health.

Work with key partners to safely re-open cultural and leisure facilities including the promotion of the city's parks, open spaces and coastal paths

Sustain a safe, healthy and productive workforce.

Strategic Aim 4

Provide people with the resources and support that they need to move out of the crisis, considering in particular the impact that Covid19 has had on our minority and marginalised communities.

Work together with our partners to reduce poverty, address homelessness and support our most vulnerable people as a priority.

Assess and address the inequalities that Covid 19 has highlighted or contributed to within our communities

Identify, develop and seek to sustain any positive developments emerging during the crisis

Developing opportunities for people to access suitable and affordable housing.

Deliver a community cohesion programme that effectively responds to community tensions and creates a shared sense of identity across the city

Prevent and tackle instances of antisocial behaviour impacting upon the residents and the business community of Newport

Re-establish Community Regeneration facilities and services where it is safe to do so for staff and service users

Develop opportunities for community involvement participation and engagement.