



**Prosperous Communities  
Committee**

**Tuesday 7th March 2023**

**Subject: Economic Recovery Plan Annual Update**

Report by:	Director of Planning, Regeneration & Communities
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Purpose / Summary:	To provide the annual update on progress with delivery of the Economic Recovery Plan.

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

- 1. Prosperous Communities Committee note and support the progress with delivery of the Economic Recovery Plan.**
- 2. Prosperous Communities Committee agree to receive the final update on progress with delivery of the Economic Recovery Plan as part of the Economic Growth Strategy due by March 2024.**

## IMPLICATIONS

### **Legal:**

**There are no legal implications from this report.**

**(N.B.) Where there are legal implications the report MUST be seen by the MO**

### **Financial : FIN/164/23/JA**

**There are no financial implications from this report.**

**(N.B.) All committee reports MUST have a Fin Ref**

### **Staffing :**

**There are no staffing implications from this report**

**(N.B.) Where there are staffing implications the report MUST have a HR Ref**

### **Equality and Diversity including Human Rights :**

*The delivery of the Economic Recovery Plan considers how to promote equality, diversity and inclusive growth through the delivery of the actions contained within the action plan. Ultimately the purpose of the Plan is to create the spocia-economic conditions in which our communities and businesses can become more productive and resillinet and relate to the Levelling Up agenda where everyone can benefit and contribute to improved prosperity.*

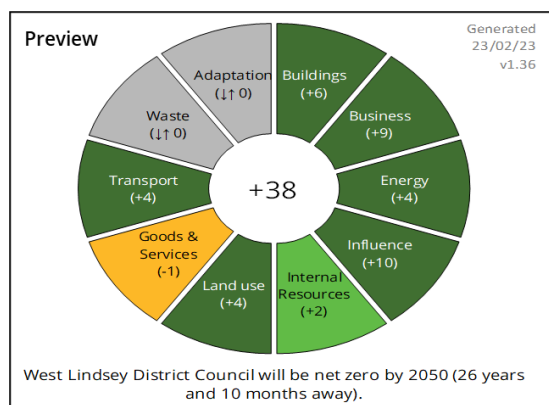
### **Data Protection Implications :**

None arising from this report

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## Climate Related Risks and Opportunities:

As part of the Economy Recovery Annual Update, the Climate Environment and Sustainability Impact Assessment Tool has been used to consider the environmental impact of the Economic Recovery Plan Programme to date.



For the purpose of this Review, the CESIA has been undertaken as a high level assessment, recognizing that a number of actions and projects within the original Plan have now been completed. The infographic is therefore an overall assessment of the collective economic recovery and revival work that is currently being delivered across the organisation either represented by a single project or collectively as part of a wider programme of work under the LUF or UKSPF banner. In this instance where practicable CESIAs will be undertaken for each intervention separately.

Over the last year the Recovery Plan has proved to positively and consistently support green recovery and sustainability opportunities across the district and has been shown to influence and help deliver the Climate, Environment and Sustainability Action Plan.

## Section 17 Crime and Disorder Considerations :

**No direct implications from this report however** public realm projects that include improvements to empty buildings and high streets, or regeneration of areas with poor quality built environments, will significantly contribute to the creation of welcoming and safer public spaces that are liveable and pleasant to use for both businesses and residents.

## Health Implications:

**None directly arising from this report however** health and wellbeing are strongly linked and interwoven into the aims of the Economic Recovery Plan and are seen as co-benefits of a more inclusive and sustainable way of living.

## Title and Location of any Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

Wherever possible please provide a hyperlink to the background paper/s  
If a document is confidential and not for public viewing it should not be listed.

## Risk Assessment :

There is no specific risk assessment required as a result of this report. The ongoing risk to delivery of the outcomes of the Economic Recovery Plan are managed through the Growth Team and link to the Council's Strategic Risk Management Framework where the wider economic risks are considered.

**Call in and Urgency:**

**Is the decision one which Rule 14.7 of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules apply?**

i.e. is the report exempt from being called in due to urgency (in consultation with C&I chairman)

**Yes**

**No**

**X**

**Key Decision:**

A matter which affects two or more wards, or has significant financial implications

**Yes**

**X**

**No**

## **1 Introduction**

- 1.1 In December 2021 Prosperous Communities Committee approved the West Lindsey Economic Recovery Plan and Action Plan. It was recommended that members receive an annual update on progress and performance against the agreed action plan.
- 1.2 Attached to the report at Appendix 1 is the progress against each of the actions contained within the action plan. In addition, an infographic is included at Appendix 2 which summarises progress to date.

## **2. Progress to date**

- 2.1 The Economic Recovery Plan set out the overarching strategic framework for action including the following key areas and aims.
  - Green Recovery – our aim is to support the ‘Green Business’ strand of the Climate Change, Sustainability and Environment Strategy.
  - Business Environment – our aim is to diversify and strengthen the economic base, create more jobs, skills and training to serve our businesses.
  - Regeneration and Levelling Up – our aim is to improve the economic performance of Gainsborough, Market Rasen and Caistor
  - Housing Growth – our first aim is to deliver housing led economic growth and infrastructure. Our second aim is to drive housing growth and meet need and demand, using private sector solutions where appropriate.
  - Key Sector Development – our first aim is to position our economy to maximise its economic integration into the region and align to the Local Industrial Strategy. Our second aim is developing a vibrant visitor economy.
  - Infrastructure – our aim is to deliver housing led growth and infrastructure
  - Supporting People and Skills – our first aim is to improve access to training and employment for residents. Our second aim is to support local schools to improve attainment levels and employment prospects for young people.
- 2.2 Appendix 1 provides members with an update on progress as at December 2022 against all of the actions within the Economic Recovery Action Plan and a status position for each action.
- 2.3 Progress can be broadly categorised into ongoing, complete, superseded and deferred. Where an action has been superseded or

deferred the reasons are provided. The progress update should provide members of the committee with the assurance that progress is being made against the each of the priority areas within the Economic Recovery Plan.

- 2.3 The Recovery Plan recognised at the point of adoption that it would be required to be an ever-evolving document and this has certainly proven to be the case. Since the plan was adopted the national policy environment has continued to evolve and the Council have developed and adopted a full Investment Plan in response to the UK Shared Prosperity Fund. This has changed and shaped how we deliver against a number of the actions within the recovery plan and provides a huge opportunity for the Council to continue to deliver against its economic aims.

### **3. Next Steps**

- 3.1 The Economic Recovery Plan was approved by the Prosperous Communities in 2021 as West Lindsey's response to the Covid 19 pandemic with the aligned purpose of informing the next iteration of the Economic Growth Strategy (EGS) due by 2024. It has also informed and shaped the emerging Corporate Plan.
- 3.2 The Growth Team are beginning to work on the development of the new EGS and it is proposed that the final Economic Recovery Plan progress update is provided as part of the EGS evidence base review and presented to Committee within the report to consider the new EGS (by March 2024).