

**COVID-19 RECOVERY GROUP**  
**AGENDA**  
**WEDNESDAY 29 JULY 2020**

**1. Welcome & Introductions**

**2. Background**

- *The Executive agreed its approach to Recovery at a meeting last Wednesday (see slides attached)*
- *They agreed that:*
  - *Strategic PfG based on outcomes would be developed for introduction in April 2021 – separate letter has been issued in relation to this.*
  - *An activity-based Recovery Framework/Plan would be developed for 2020/21, which would capture its programme of work including NDNA and other key commitments.*
- *The slide deck presented to the Executive outlines some of the key issues that we will discuss today:*
  - *The key principles and approach to Recovery (SLIDES 6-7), including workstreams*
  - *A short/ medium/ long term view is required (SLIDE 9)*
  - *Governance in the Recovery Phase, including a Recovery Framework/Plan and a cross-Departmental Recovery Group (SLIDE 16)*

**3. Terms of Reference**

- *How will the Recovery Group operate?*
  - *Departments need to work both for their own Ministers and also be part of a wider collective.*
  - *That approach has worked well in the relaxations phase: need to be responsive and flexible to emerging/changing events*
  - *The Recovery Group will plan and prepare a strategic flow of information/ advice/ papers to the Executive on key issues/ workstreams.*

- *The Group is responsible for providing regular overviews of the Recovery programme to the Executive and for outlining progress and challenges to allow emerging issues to be addressed.*
- Governance:
  - *Recovery is an Executive-led programme.*
  - *Need to stress that recovery has to be seen alongside other key deliverables including EU Exit and NDNA, and that understanding the political ambitions are vital as that will be being captured as part of PfG but needs to be understood so that recovery has the right context*
  - *Won't be about filling in templates – will be dynamic/ engaged with workstreams – approach worked well in relaxations*
  - *As Recovery co-exists with EU Future Relations and NDNA – we are aiming to coordinate across these where possible to minimise bureaucracy;*
- Draft ToR attached – views/comments required

#### **4. Workstreams**

- *The Approach to Recovery was outlined on SLIDE 7 of the Executive's slide deck – workstreams structured under health, economic and societal recovery*
- *Some of the workstreams already exist and are being worked on – others don't.*
- *Members to provide views on proposed workstreams:*
  - *Are there any not needed?*
  - *Are there any missing?*
- *Workstream leads to be identified.*

#### **5. Recovery Sitrep**

- *The Executive has embraced the use of data to inform policy interventions (worked well in the Response phase).*
- *A Draft Sitrep has been shared with Departments (A COPY WAS ISSUED AS PART OF THE PAPERS FOR THIS MEETING).*
- *Following feedback, we have updated the draft SitRep where possible. Some of the feedback needs clarification or may not be relevant – we will therefore contact Departments shortly to discuss the most appropriate way forward*
- *Any other comments/views?*

## **6. Next Steps**

- a) *A Recovery Framework/Plan that shows how the work of individual Departments is contributing to a joined up Executive response to Recovery needs to be developed.*
- b) *TEO will convene a meeting within the next 2 weeks to discuss the transition from response/relaxation to recovery and the development of the Recovery Framework/Plan – we want a wide-ranging and informative discussion that captures the ambition of workstreams and where they want to get to.*
- c) *A programme of future papers and discussions about each of the workstreams will be prepared for consideration by the Executive.*
- d) *The first Recovery SitRep will be populated*

## **7. Date of Next Meeting**