Scrutiny Overview Committee

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25 August 2020

Final report of the COVID-19 Working Group

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Report:

The Working Group was established by the Committee at its meeting in May 2020. The terms of reference were considered and approved by the Committee on 30th June 2020.

The Working Group wished to understand the economic impact of Covid-19 on businesses and communities, to determine the mechanisms needed to allow recovery. To gain further understanding the working group has met with Council Officers, Partners and local voluntary and community organisations.

During this investigation the Working Group have been significantly impressed in the manner in which the whole Walsall community - public sector, businesses, voluntary sector, individuals and elected members have all come together to respond to such a significant crisis at such speed.

The final report is marked 'to follow' and will be made available prior to the meeting.

Recommendations:

That, subject to any comments members may wish to make, the final report of the COVID-19 Working Group be forwarded to Cabinet for consideration.

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