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SUBJECT:	COVID-19 VULNERABILITY AND RECOVERY INDICES	
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1.0 Recommendations

1.1 That the Covid-19 Vulnerability and Recovery Indices (Summary Report), is considered and to highlight any actions required for the Council to recover from the Pandemic.

2.0 Purpose of the Report

2.1 To provide an analysis of research commissioned by the Society of District Councils into the effects of Covid-19 and the potential vulnerability of District Councils in recovering from the pandemic.

3.0 Executive Summary

3.1 The Society of District Council Treasurers commissioned Grant Thornton UK LLP to undertake analysis and the development of a Covid-19 Vulnerability and Recovery Index for all districts in England.

3.2 This was to understand the potential impact of Covid-19 on district councils, together with the vulnerabilities which need to be considered in any recovery plans. This formed part of a submission to Government regarding the allocation of future resources and to highlight the pressures specific to district councils.

3.3 Six key indicators make up a Vulnerability Index, covering:

- Financial vulnerability
- People
- Place
- Economy
- Health
- Social Care

- 3.4 Of the six indicators, the Council scores well compared to other districts in four of the indicators, with the Council being ranked as one of the top three (least vulnerable) in England regarding financial vulnerability, i.e. its financial position shows itself to be strong and more likely to be resilient to the pressures of Covid-19, compared to other district councils.
- 3.5 The Council scores less favourably on the Health and Social Care indices, but as regards Social Care, this reflects the County position as the indices within this factor are at a county level, with Derbyshire being rated at the top of the vulnerability index, i.e. the County as a whole is highly vulnerable.
- 3.6 There is also an overall vulnerability index, together with a recovery index, which measures the degree to which an authority/its area is resilient and could “bounce back” more easily.

4.0 Detail

- 4.1 The full report from Grant Thornton, detailing the analysis and results, is attached. This includes the make-up of each Index (Page 4 of the report).
- 4.2 A total of 188 district councils (approximately 80% of all Districts in England) as members of the Society, were assessed using data recorded and submitted to Government in statutory returns.
- 4.3 Each of the six vulnerability indices (and the overall index) are ranked from 1 to 188, where 1 is the most vulnerable and 188, the least. Therefore, the higher the number, the least vulnerable an authority and its area is to the effects of Covid-19.
- 4.4 The Council’s rankings are summarised in the following table.

Financial Vulnerability	186
People	121
Place	171
Economy	142
Health	39
Social Care	1
Overall	109

- 4.5 A detailed breakdown of each factor within each of the indices, is shown in a separate chart. This ranks the level of vulnerability in each of the factors.
- 4.6 The recovery index is also shown as a separate chart where the Council is classed as “***low vulnerability with a high chance of recovery***”.

5.0 Financial Implications

- 5.1 None

6.0 Corporate Implications

Employment Implications

6.1 None

Legal Implications

6.2 None

Corporate Plan Implications

6.3 None directly, although if the Council is more resilient to the effects of Covid-19, it will increase the likelihood of the Corporate Plan (2020 to 2024) being delivered as planned.

Risk Impact

6.4 Conversely, if the Council faces many vulnerabilities and is not resilient, this could affect the Council's ability to deliver some elements of its Corporate Plan. The position will be kept under review.

7.0 Community Impact

Consultation

7.1 None required.

7.2 However, the Council is working with the South Derbyshire Partnership on plans to support the recovery, particularly focusing on health and social care, which are the two indices in which the District does not compare as favorably compared to other district councils.

Equality and Diversity Impact

7.3 None

Social Value Impact

7.4 None

Environmental Sustainability

7.5 None

8.0 Background Papers

8.1 None