



Audit and Standards Committee Report

Report of: Director of Finance and Commercial Services

Date: 25th March 2021

Subject: Update on Universal Credit

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Summary: An update on Universal Credit (UC) was last brought to this Committee in January 2020. The Committee requested that a further update be provided at a future meeting. Appended to this report is the update on Universal Credit.

Recommendations:

That the Audit & Standards Committee note the information set out in the report.

Background Papers: Detailed information about Universal Credit can be found at www.sheffield.gov.uk/universalcredit and www.understandinguniversalcredit.gov.uk.

Information about the support available to people during the pandemic can be found at www.sheffield.gov.uk/home/your-city-council/coronavirus-hub/support-for-people

Information for people who are facing redundancy can be found at www.sheffield.gov.uk/redundancy

Category of Report: OPEN

Statutory and Council Policy Checklist

Financial Implications
NO Cleared by:
Legal Implications
NO Cleared by:
Equality of Opportunity Implications
NO Cleared by:
Tackling Health Inequalities Implications
NO
Human rights Implications
NO:
Environmental and Sustainability implications
NO
Economic impact
NO
Community safety implications
NO
Human resources implications
NO
Property implications
NO
Area(s) affected
NONE
Is the item a matter which is reserved for approval by the City Council?
NO
Press release
NO

Universal Credit Update

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 To provide the Committee with an update on Universal Credit.

2. Universal Credit Update

2.1 This report sets out: the background to UC including the issues faced by claimants before Covid-19; what has happened to UC since the pandemic; how the city and SCC has responded to UC; information about Council Tax Support and Council Housing; the poverty and income impacts of Covid-19 (including UC); and forthcoming issues. Please see appended report.

3. Recommendation

3.1 That the Audit & Standards Committee note the information set out in the report.

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Director of Finance and Commercial Services

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