

## **Findings from the Member Working Groups Survey**

1. Members and officers involved in the recent Member Working Groups were invited to share their feedback on the approach. This was intended to help understand whether it is a model that could be used to support other areas of work, what the strengths of the approach were, and what improvements could be made.
2. A total of 34 responses were provided; 19 members (including 5 Cabinet members) and 15 officers. There was representation from across all four working groups.
3. 85% of respondents felt that the working group(s) were effective in understanding the impact of COVID-19 on services, service demand and service delivery.
4. 91% felt that were effective in shaping recommended objectives and priorities for Warwickshire's Recovery Plan.
5. 88% agreed that their experience of taking part in the groups was positive.
6. The main strengths of the approach were thought to be the levels of member engagement in the process, open, collaborative and constructive conversations across parties and with officers, and the pace of delivery.
7. Areas for improvement included the need to circulate more material in advance so that more pre-work could be completed, managing the risk of devoting too much time to specific and detailed projects whilst providing members sufficient time to air their views, exploring the dependencies and links between the different working groups and more time to develop ideas between meetings.
8. 94% (32 out of 34 respondents) felt that the working group model should be used again in the future.