



CABINET – 28 APRIL 2020

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) IMPACT AND RESPONSE OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL

JOINT REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE, DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE RESOURCES AND DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH

PART A

Purpose of the Report

1. The purpose of this report is to advise the Cabinet of the impact of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) within the County and the plans and work in hand within the County Council and with partners to respond. A supplementary report will be circulated to members.

Recommendations

2. The Cabinet is asked to have regard to the information in this and the subsequent supplementary report.

Reason for Recommendations

3. To advise on the current position.

Background

4. Coronaviruses are a family of viruses common across the world in animals and humans. COVID-19 is the illness seen in people infected with a new strain of coronavirus not previously seen in humans and began in Wuhan Province in China in December 2019. This has since spread to most parts of the world.
5. The Cabinet considered an urgent report on the matter at its meeting on the 24 March 2020 which advised members on the impact of the virus within the County and the Council's plans to respond. The Cabinet noted the Council's work to help the most vulnerable, its focused efforts on critical services and agreed to the establishment of a voluntary and community sector support scheme.
6. A supplementary paper to this report is being produced by officers. The Supplementary report will provide an update on the situation locally and information concerning the joint Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland partnership response, which will include issues relating to access to Personal

Protection Equipment, testing for Coronavirus, the national shielding initiative and excess deaths planning. The supplementary report will also include information concerning the impact on the services the County Council delivers and its financial position.

Circulation under the Local Alerts Procedure

7. A copy of this report has been emailed to all members of the County Council.

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