



CABINET – 22 MAY 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) in the County and a) the plans and work in hand within the County Council and with partners to respond and b) the financial impact on the County Council. Supplementary reports will be circulated to members nearer the time.

Recommendations

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

Reason for Recommendations

3. To advise on the current position and financial impact on the Council.

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 a report on the matter at its meetings on 24 March and 28 April 2020 which advised members on the impact of the virus within the County, the Council's plans to respond and the joint working with partners that was in place. At these meetings, the Cabinet noted the Council's work to help the most vulnerable, its focused efforts on critical services, agreed to establish a voluntary and community sector support scheme and noted the significant financial impact that Covid-19 is having on the Council's finances.

6. Supplementary papers to this report are being produced by officers. These will include an update on the situation locally and details of the Council's response, the Council's immediate recovery plans following the recent Government announcement and the principles that will inform the recovery plans going forward. There will also be a report on the financial impact.

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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