

CABINET - 23 JUNE 2020

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

JOINT REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE RESOURCES

Purpose of the Report

 The purpose of this report is to advise the Cabinet of the plans to support the recovery of functions and services in the context of the Covid-19 pandemic and the financial impact on the County Council. A supplementary report 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 report.

Reason for Recommendations

3. To advise on the plans in place to support the recovery of the Council's functions and services.

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 has considered reports regarding the impact of the coronavirus pandemic at its meetings in March, April and May. These have covered issues such as the impact of the virus across Leicestershire, the Council's plans to respond, the joint working with partners, and the financial implications for the Authority. The Cabinet has noted the Council's work to help the most vulnerable and its focused efforts on critical services, established a voluntary and community sector support scheme, and noted the significant financial impact that Covid-19 is having on the Council's finances.

- 6. A supplementary paper to this report is being produced by officers. This will focus on the latest financial position and recovery work that is taking place across the Authority.
- 7. Members continue to receive regular updates including on the latest public health information and guidance, issues pertaining to service areas, and resilience and co-ordinating activity being undertaken by the Local Resilience Forum and the Council. These can be seen at -

Coronavirus updates (https://bit.ly/3dPU1IZ)

<u>Circulation under the Local Alerts Procedure</u>

8. This and the supplementary report will be circulated to all members of the County Council.

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