
Cabinet

22 April 2020

Covid-19 Response Update

Report by the Chief Executive

Summary

Attached at the Appendix is an account of actions taken by the Council in response to the Covid-19 emergency as well as work with partner agencies including the NHS and the response to guidance and initiatives from the Government.

A verbal update will be provided at the meeting to ensure an up-to-date picture on activity underway, given the fast-moving nature of current events.

Recommendations

Cabinet is asked to consider and comment on the Council's response to the Covid-19 emergency.

Details

The details of this item for consideration are set out in the attached Appendix. The report seeks to cover all of the areas considered to be of significant interest to residents.

Future Planning

The Appendix reflects the extensive work that is underway responding to the current emergency. Work is also being undertaken, with our partners, to explore the impact the events and work will have on how we live and work in future at an individual, community and organisational level. The work, drawing on lessons learnt and opportunities identified, will be developed and members will be fully engaged over the next few weeks.

Implications

The resource implications of the Covid-19 emergency response are being assessed and will be part of the verbal update to Cabinet. There are significant risk implications, including risk to the delivery of Council services due to staff shortages (both Council staff and contractors). Business continuity plans have been implemented and risks are being monitored by the Executive Leadership Team as well as by the Strategic and Tactical Management Groups which make up the

County Council's governance of the emergency response underneath the Sussex Resilience Forum.

Decisions required to address Covid-19 include assessments in accordance with Council policy and the statutory framework of duties and responsibilities including those relating to Equality, Human Rights, Social Value, Sustainability and Crime and Disorder Reduction implications.

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Chief Executive

Appendix

- West Sussex Covid-19 Briefing

Background papers

None