
Report to Cabinet

November 2020

Exceptional pressures: update

Report by the Chief Executive

Summary

Attached at Appendix A is an update on West Sussex County Council's continued response to the period of exceptional pressure on our service provision that we are currently facing in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, seasonal flu, winter disruption and the end of the Brexit transition period.

The Appendix provides information on cases in West Sussex, local outbreak management, the re-opening of schools and other priority issues.

West Sussex County Council is ensuring the ongoing COVID-19 response is managed in an integrated way with the other challenges potentially facing the authority and its partners over the next few months. A verbal update will be provided at the meeting to ensure an up-to-date picture is provided given the fast-moving nature of current events.

The pressures on the services, especially adults, are significant and growing. Action to ensure we are focussed on the highest priority activities is in hand and a review of longer-term projects is underway.

The resource implications of the COVID-19 emergency response continue to be assessed. There are significant risk implications. 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.

Recommendation

Cabinet will be asked to consider and comment on the Council's response to the current exceptional pressures.

Becky Shaw

Chief Executive

Appendices:

Appendix A – Exceptional Pressures Report

Background Documents:

None