

Report to Cabinet

February 2021

COVID-19 Pandemic: update

Report by the Chief Executive

Summary

West Sussex County Council continues to respond to the ongoing disruption caused by the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Attached at Appendix A is the latest priority update on our response. The Appendix provides information on cases in West Sussex, the local tracing partnership, schools, care homes 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 and schools, are significant, cumulative and growing. We are working through our emergency planning and management structures to ensure we are always focussed on the highest priority activities.

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 COVID-19 Pandemic.

Becky Shaw

Chief Executive

Appendices:

Appendix A – COVID-19 Pandemic Report