

Report to Cabinet

23 March 2021

West Sussex County Council COVID-19 Pandemic Report – March 2021

Report by the Chief Executive

Summary

West Sussex County Council continues to respond to 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, reopening the economy and other priority issues.

West Sussex County Council is ensuring that the ongoing COVID-19 response is managed in an integrated way alongside other challenges potentially facing the authority and its partners in the short to medium term.

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 services remain significant. We continue to work through our emergency planning and management structures to ensure that we remain 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 current exceptional pressures.

Becky Shaw

Chief Executive

Appendices:

Appendix A – COVID-19 Pandemic Report – March 2021