

REPORT OF CABINET

(Meeting held on 3 June 2020)

1. RESPONSE TO CORONAVIRUS – COVID-19 (MINUTE NO 87)

The Cabinet delivered a presentation with an updated position on the Council's response to the Coronavirus – COVID-19 pandemic.

Each Portfolio Holder reported on the actions within their areas of responsibility to support the delivery of Government priorities as follows:-

- Supporting the most vulnerable in the community.
- Supporting local business and the local economy.
- Supporting the delivery of essential local public services.

The slides from the presentation are attached to the minutes of the Cabinet meeting.

2. THE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF CORONAVIRUS – COVID-19 – APRIL – MAY 2020 (MINUTE NO 88)

The Cabinet, having noted the financial implications set out in Cabinet Report 5 of the Cabinet Agenda, is recommending updates to the budget and Medium Term Financial Plan, which will be brought forward in detail at the Council meeting in September 2020.

The Council's 2020/21 budget and forward looking Medium Term Financial Plan agreed at the Council meeting in February 2020 have both been significantly impacted by COVID-19, totalling a net increase of £2.052 million throughout April and May to the General Fund budget requirement. Therefore, in due course the Council would need to review both of these issues.

RECOMMENDED:

That the budget for 2020/21 be updated to take into account:-

- The income losses and expenditure pressures sustained by the Council during April and May 2020;***
- The emergency support funding received to date; and***
- The use of reserves to bridge the gap between the income and expenditure pressures and emergency support funding.***

3. COVID-19 RECOVERY PLAN – ROLE OF TASK AND FINISH GROUPS (MINUTE NO 89)

The Cabinet, in approving the approach to recovery outlined in Cabinet Report 6 of the Cabinet Agenda, established the following four Recovery Task and Finish Groups, which would report regularly to the Cabinet on any proposed actions:-

- Finances and Resources (including Health & Safety, Workforce Wellbeing and Digital Transformation)
- Local Economy
- Community Stakeholder Engagement (including the Voluntary Sector)
- Council Services

The Cabinet hope as many councillors as possible join one of the Task

& Finish groups which will support our community and help shape the Council and its services as we go through the important process of recovery from the pandemic.

**COUNCILLOR B RICKMAN
CHAIRMAN**