

# Covid-19 Update

**Cabinet**

**Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2020**

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Wards:	All
Parishes Affected:	All

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## **1. Purpose and Reasons**

- 1.1 This report seeks to introduce an update to Cabinet about the reintroduction of lockdown measures in England on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2020. There will be an oral update at the Cabinet meeting to allow Members to receive the most up-to-date information.

## **2. Recommendations**

Cabinet is recommended to:

- 2.1 Note the steps taken by the Council to respond to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic and any additional briefing provided by the Director of Public Health.

## **3. Detail**

- 3.1 On Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020, the government announced proposal for a second 'lockdown' in England from Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2020. Additional statutory measures were considered by Parliament on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2020 while the new restrictions are available on the Gov.uk website [via this link](#).
- 3.2 Following the announcement, the Chief Executive having consulted Leader and the Corporate Management Team has 'stood up' the 'silver' and 'gold' management teams to coordinate the Council and to enable rapid operational decisions to be made to enable the Council to comply with new guidance and regulations. The Council's decision-making processes will be followed with Cabinet Members, ward members and other councillors as appropriate being consulted in accordance with the Constitution.
- 3.3 These teams have concentrated on preserving those front-line services, especially to vulnerable children and adults, along with the regular kerb-side domestic waste and recycling collections. All services have had a risk assessment in order that both staff and residents are protected from transmission.
- 3.4 At the time of producing this report, the Government was still anticipating that the lockdown would end on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2020. Nevertheless, given that this is a dynamic situation, the Director of Public Health will provide an oral update to Cabinet (and subsequently to the Scrutiny Committee) so that Members and the public are kept fully informed of any developments after the Cabinet agenda has been published.

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## **4. Alternative Options**

- 4.1 There are no alternative options in this report, as its intention is to inform Members rather than seek a decision.

## **5. Implications, Diversity Impact Assessment and Risk Management**

### Financial and Procurement Implications

- 5.1 There are no specific implications from this report. The wider financial impact of Covid-19 will continue to be reported through the Budget Management reports as well as addressed in any specific Cabinet Member Decision Notes or Cabinet Member Briefing Notes.

### Legal and Human Rights Implications

- 5.2 As there are no specific recommendations, there are no legal or human rights implications at this time. These will be taken into account as part of any formal Cabinet Member delegated decisions.

### Climate Change Impact

- 5.3 There are no climate change implications from this report.

### All Other Implications (including Staff, Sustainability, Health, Rural, Crime and Disorder)

- 5.4 None.

### Diversity Impact Assessment

- 5.5 No Diversity Impact Assessment (DIA) has been undertaken as no changes in services are being proposed.

### Risk Management

- 5.6 None.

## **6. Consultees**

- 6.1 The Corporate Director of Finance and Assets (s151 officer) and Chief Legal Officer (Monitoring Officer) are consulted in respect of all reports.

## **7. Background Papers**

- 7.1 None

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**8. Appendices**

8.1 None

**9. Key Decision/Decision in Cabinet Work Programme and Forward Plan**

9.1 This is not a Key Decision and is not in the Cabinet Work Programme and Forward Plan.