



## Report of the Chair

Scrutiny Programme Committee – 14 July 2020

### Update on COVID-19 Response and Recovery

<b>Purpose:</b>	The Committee will receive update on, and discuss, the Council's COVID-19 response and recovery planning with the Leader of the Council and the Chief Executive.
<b>Content:</b>	The Leader of the Council, Cllr. Rob Stewart, and the Chief Executive, Phil Roberts, will report to the Committee. This covering report outlines the broad themes that may be covered by the Committee.
<b>Councillors are being asked to:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ask questions, and make comments and recommendations as necessary.</li></ul>
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#### 1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Scrutiny Programme Committee held an initial scrutiny session in June on the Council's response to the COVID-19 pandemic and handling of the crisis. This meeting enabled the Committee to receive information from the Leader of the Council, the Chief Executive and other senior officers. A copy of the presentation given to the Committee, which provided a high-level overview, is **attached** for information.

- 1.2 Questions were asked around the local experience, operational emergency response, decision-making, partnership working, key actions and impact, costs and resource / financial implications, and the outlook and challenges. The Committee wrote to the Leader of the Council following the meeting on the key findings and its reflections on the discussion. This letter is also **attached**.
- 1.3 The meeting today continues the discussion about the Council response but, will also focus on the recovery planning which the Committee was informed is underway. The Leader of the Council, Councillor Rob Stewart, has been invited to attend, along with the Chief Executive.
- 1.4 The session will be expected to cover:
- Current COVID position
  - Key decisions made by Executive Control Group
  - Developments with Test, Trace & Protect Programme
  - Recovery Planning Timetable / Outline
  - Current challenges

## **2. Legal Implications**

- 2.1 There are no legal implications from this report.

## **3. Financial Implications**

- 3.1 There are no financial implications from this report.

**Background Papers:** None

**Appendices:**

**Appendix 1** – Presentation shown at Scrutiny Programme Committee 16 June 2020 on Swansea Council's response to Coronavirus

**Appendix 2** – Letter to Councillor Rob Stewart dated 29 June 2020