



Report of the Chair

Scrutiny Programme Committee – 16 June 2020

Council Response to COVID-19 Pandemic

Purpose:	The Committee will discuss the Council's response to the COVID-19 pandemic by hearing from the Leader of the Council and senior officers, and asking questions.
Content:	The Leader of the Council and senior officers will make verbal reports to the Committee. This covering report outlines the broad themes that may be explored by the Committee.
Councillors are being asked to:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ask questions, and make comments and recommendations as necessary
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1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Committee will focus on the Council response to the COVID-19 Pandemic. The Leader of the Council, Councillor Rob Stewart, has been invited to attend, along with the Chief Executive / representatives of the Corporate Management Team.
- 1.2 This is the first such discussion within scrutiny, enabling the Committee to receive a high-level overview briefing of the Council handling of the crisis and resilience arrangements, and impact, including update on the current situation and financial position.

1.3 The Committee will be interested to explore:

- The local picture in relation to the spread of COVID-19 in Swansea (e.g. no. of cases in Swansea, deaths etc.)
- Emergency planning arrangements and management of strategic response / work streams (incl. the key roles played by members and officers)
- Key activities / actions taken / achievements (including implementation of measures prescribed by government / discretionary measures, and support to shielding list / vulnerable persons)
- Partnership working (incl. relationship with health and voluntary sectors)
- Impacts (e.g. on services / staffing)
- Resource / financial implications and current position
- Current situation
- Outlook for the future / challenges ahead
- Recovery planning

1.4 The Committee may be unable to cover everything in one meeting, and as a result may wish for further discussion, e.g. on key elements / themes / specific services, and this could be arranged for future meeting(s).

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: None