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MEETING:	Overview and Scrutiny Committee - Full Committee Meeting available virtually on https://barnsley.public-i.tv/
DATE:	Tuesday, 12 May 2020
TIME:	2.00 pm
VENUE:	THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD VIRTUALLY

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

4 Covid-19 Response *(Pages 3 - 10)*

To consider a report of the Chief Executive and the Executive Director Core Services (Item 4 attached) regarding the Council's response to the Coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic.

To: Chair and Members of Overview and Scrutiny Committee:-

Councillors Ennis OBE (Chair), Carr, Gollick, Daniel Griffin, Hayward, Higginbottom, Hunt, Lodge, Lofts, Makinson, Mitchell, Sumner, Tattersall and Wilson together with co-opted Members and Statutory Co-opted Member Ms. G Carter (Parent Governor Representative)

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Sarah Norman, Chief Executive

Andrew Frosdick, Executive Director Core Services

Rob Winter, Head of Internal Audit and Risk Management

Michael Potter, Service Director, Business Improvement and Communications

Martin McCarthy, Service Director, Governance, Members and Business Support

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RESPONSE

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Health

- 174 COVID-19 related absences: 163 self-isolating but cannot work and 11 confirmed/suspected COVID-19 – no specific concerns around staff absence
- PPE issues with regards to supply and guidance and managing staff anxiety across the system
- Patient flow from hospital/residential care capacity – no concerns around capacity to support patient flow
- In total 2,077 C-19 tests have been carried out for staff and residents between 28th March to 28th April 2020. This does not include some tests that may be done for Barnsley residents directly through PHE laboratories.
- Bereavement/trauma support service – 31 beneficiaries in total since 20th April to 8th May, 5 from Barnsley.
- Health and wellbeing information continuously circulated for staff and residents



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Communities

- 2496 calls received as of 11th May
- We are meeting demand through our emergency contact centre. We are in the process of issuing 63,000 letters targeted at the most vulnerable first and following up 'no contact' by telephone and door knocking for the most vulnerable.
- 65% requiring help with food, 18% help with prescriptions, 6% social isolation and 11% for other support



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Children & Education

- Children known to Children's Social Care and Early Help services are supported and visited, statutory timescales are being met as a minimum and in many cases, contact is more frequent
- Children in care placements are being maintained and personal education plans are in place
- The large majority of schools and 124 early years settings are open to vulnerable children and those of key workers



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Critical Front Line Services

- Crematorium, Mortuary and Funeral capacity within plan
- Waste collection - green waste has been paused in line with other South Yorkshire authorities; recovery plans are currently being developed . All other waste continues to be collected. Arisings c20% more than this time last year
- Household Waste & Recycling Centres successfully re-opened 6th May with social distancing measures
- Highways safety works continue with reduced resources to maintain the borough's highways
- Berneslai Homes continue to provide an emergency repairs service



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Business & The Economy

- £38.15m in grants distributed to 3,460 businesses
- 1,175 enquiries dealt with by Enterprising Barnsley
- Regulatory Services working with Enterprising Barnsley shifting to relaxation of lockdown controls guidance/support for businesses
- The Employment Support Helpdesk has dealt with 46 enquiries (54% unemployed). The majority of enquiries = support for benefit claims & financial hardship; support re furlough status and support for job searches
- Economic Impact and Retail Impact assessment work in progress providing critical recovery intelligence

Financial Position

- Total costs (additional expenditure and lost income) currently stand at £40M
- Received £15M in Government Funding = £25M net cost to the Council



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Recovery & Renewal

Strategy approved focus on 2 clear objectives: -

1. Coordination of the recovery strategy; and
2. To drive subgroups to set out COVID-19 impacts & develop recovery plans for new normalities, the future.

Set out a 5 –point strategy focussed around:-

- Health & Wellbeing;
 - Business Economic;
 - Building Resilience;
 - Education & Attainment; and
 - Environment & Infrastructure;
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- Barnsley dovetailing into SYLRF Recovery & Renewal Strategic Coordinating Group & Barnsley Recovery Cell (Health)
 - Joint approach around recovery strategy timelines



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