

STRATEGIC SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date: Thursday 2 July 2020

Time: 5.30 pm

Venue: Legislation has been passed that allows Council's to conduct Committee meetings remotely.

Members are invited to attend the above meeting.

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Membership -

Sills (Chair), Newby (Deputy Chair), Atkinson, Branston, Buswell, Hannaford, Henson, D, Lamb, Lyons, Moore, D, Moore, J, Owen, Packham and Pattison

Agenda

- 6 **Presentation on Covid-19 by Portfolio Holders and Questions from Members and Answers** (Pages 3 - 4)

Portfolio Holder briefing notes

Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Physical Activity – Councillor Pearson

Portfolio Holder for Support Services and Procurement – Councillor Wood

Details of questions from Members relating to the two Portfolios above on Covid-19 issues only should be notified to the Corporate Manager Democratic and Civic Support by 10.00am the Monday before the meeting – 29 June 2020.

Date of Next Meeting

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ITEM 6 : QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS ON COVID-19

Questions to the Portfolio Holder for –Leisure & Physical Activity - Councillor Pearson

Questions from Committee Members

1. **Councillor J Moore** - Will the pools and leisure centres at St Sidwell's Point and Riverside be included in the future insourcing of ECC leisure services?
2. **Councillor J Moore** - Alongside the 2018 Draft Playing Pitch Strategy review, will there also be a review of other outdoor sports facilities?
3. **Councillor D Moore** - Please can the Portfolio holder expand on the second bullet point under 'background' to explain the new system and approach, and key outcomes from the evaluation?
4. **Councillor D Moore** - For some people the experience of shielding or self-isolation has led to or increased anxiety and frailty. How will this change the Local Delivery Pilot priorities and /or approach to delivery?

Questions from Non-Committee Members

1. **Councillor K Mitchell** - Social distancing measures are likely to be in place in the medium to long term as part of the new norm. Has this been factored into the revised likely income from the new St Sidwell's Point Leisure Centre and our other leisure facilities?
2. **Councillor K Mitchell** - Are there any plans to use our parks and open spaces over the summer months to provide exercise classes which would normally be offered within our leisure centres?

Questions to the Portfolio Holder for Support Services & Procurement – Councillor Wood

Questions from Committee Members

1. **Councillor K Owen** - 'An important piece of work carried out by the Council is ensuring that the maximum number of people are on the electoral register every year. The postponement of the May 2020 elections means that we will have city council, county council and police and crime commissioner elections next year. Can you please tell us what work on this (if any) has had to be postponed due to the pandemic and what plans are being made for the months ahead to maximise the numbers on the electoral roll.'
2. **Councillor D Moore** - What consultation with the Union has been held to enable their input to the redesign of safe working practices?

3. **Councillor D Moore** - Before Operation Shield ends, vulnerable people may need some support to make alternative arrangements for safe and timely access to food supplies. What Council notification and liaison will there be with charities, registered social landlords and other organisations to help people make these alternative arrangements?
4. **Councillor D Moore** - What identification has been made of businesses that have fallen through the gaps of the various government financial schemes?
5. **Councillor D Moore** - Will the emerging Exeter procurement policy set out measures to prioritise local employment by supporting local businesses and social enterprises, and contribute to Exeter's 2030 net zero carbon target as part of the city's recovery plan?

Questions from Non-Committee Members

- 1 **Councillor M Mitchell** - Arising from the likely continuation of restrictions related to the current pandemic does the council have the resources to support either 100 percent postal vote elections or a massive increase in voters requesting postal votes for the three elections being held on the same day in May 2021.