

# EXECUTIVE BOARD

19<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2020

## Impact of COVID-19 on Carmarthenshire

### Recommendations / key decisions required:

That the report is accepted and that the short, medium and long term implications are considered.

### Reasons:

To take stock of the impact of the pandemic on the Community and the Council's response.

Relevant scrutiny committee to be consulted: *Not applicable*

Exec Board Decision Required YES  
Council Decision Required

### EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER:-

#### All

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**BRIEF SUMMARY OF PURPOSE OF REPORT**

This document is a Community Impact Assessment of the Covid-19 pandemic and the Council's response over the last six months. There are four interlinked categories of impact that individuals and communities will need to recover from:

1. Community
2. Economy
3. Infrastructure and Environment
4. Health and Welfare

The nature of the impacts – and whether and at what level action needs to be taken – will depend in large part on the nature, scale and severity of the emergency itself.

This assessment should inform the reset and re-prioritisation of resources and services.

**DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?**

**Yes**

# CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report :

Signed: **Noelwyn Daniel**

Head of ICT and Corporate Policy

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets
<b>YES</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NONE</b>

## 1. Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities

1. We must make sure that we learn from this unprecedented experience as we reintroduce our services and re-set our strategic and operational priorities. We must identify our key learning points at an organisational level and across the breadth of our services. To achieve this our Transformation and Innovation and Change Team is undertaking a strategic evaluation.
2. We will also need to reset our *'Moving Forward in Carmarthenshire 5 Year Plan'*, *Corporate Strategy* and revisit our *Well-being Objectives*.
3. The COVID-19 pandemic has led to inevitable widespread changes to the way in which services are delivered by local authorities. This means that it is even more critical that Local Authorities respect the needs of all service users and equalities.
4. We will need to reprioritise services and our resources in budget setting.

## 3. Finance

We are in an unprecedented position due to a combination of additional irrecoverable costs due to COVID-19 activity, foregone income from closed services which may not be fully recompensed by Welsh Government (WG) and planned savings proposals which have been undeliverable due to the pandemic.

## 5. Staffing

In May, **2,543 (32%)** of our staff across all departments took part in a survey on the new way of working following the COVID-19 outbreak, the results will help shape the future way of working.

# IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below

Signed: **Noelwyn Daniel**

Head of ICT and Corporate Policy

1. Local Member(s)- N/A
2. Community / Town Council – N/A
3. Relevant Partners – N/A
4. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations

During the Pandemic the following consultations took place:-

- Parental survey with 4,433 responses
- 574 businesses responded to our questionnaire and 422 businesses were contacted
- 2,543 responded to our staff survey

## Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information

### List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

Title of Document	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
Impact of COVID-19 on Carmarthenshire	See page 51 of report