

ENVIRONMENTAL & PUBLIC PROTECTION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

24TH NOVEMBER 2020

IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON THE ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT'S SERVICES COVERED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL & PUBLIC PROTECTION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

To consider and comment on the following issues:

The Environment Department's response to Covid for following areas covered by the Environmental & Public Protection Scrutiny Committee:

- "Waste and Environmental Services.
- Building Cleaning (including Schools, where relevant)
- Transport and Streetscene including Highways, Street Lighting, Bridges, Traffic Management, Parking Services, Cycle paths and Rights of Way
- Environmental Enforcement including Litter, Dog Fouling; Abandoned Vehicles etc
- Planning Enforcement
- Biodiversity"

Reasons:

To take stock of the impact of the pandemic on the Environment Department from an Environmental & Public Protection Scrutiny perspective.

To be referred to the Executive Board / Council for decision: **NO**

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDERS:

Cllr Hazel Evans (Environment Portfolio Holder)

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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BRIEF SUMMARY OF PURPOSE OF REPORT

The attached detailed Reports assess the Covid-19 pandemic's impact on the Environment Department from an Environmental & Public Protection Scrutiny perspective:

- Waste and Environmental Services including Recycling and Refuse Collection, Waste Strategy, Street Cleansing, Grounds Maintenance, Public Toilets, Flood and Coastal Defence, Cemetery management., Environmental Enforcement.
- Building Cleaning (including Schools, where relevant)
- Transport and Streetscene including Highways, Street Lighting, Bridges, Traffic Management, Parking Services, Cycle paths and Rights of Way
- Environmental Enforcement including Litter, Dog Fouling; Abandoned Vehicles etc
- Planning Enforcement
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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: Jonathan Fearn, Head of Property
 Llinos Quelch, Head of Planning Services
 Stephen Pilliner, Head of Highways & Transportation
 Ainsley Williams, Head of Waste & Environmental Services
 Jackie Edwards Business Improvement Manager

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

1. Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities

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 a service and organisational level in alignment with the revised corporate *'Moving Forward in Carmarthenshire 5 Year Plan'*, *Corporate Strategy* and *Well-being Objectives*.

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.

We will need to reprioritise services and our resources in budget setting.

2. Finance

We are in an unprecedented position due to increased costs due to COVID-19 activity. This may cause funding pressures if WG hardship funding cannot be accessed post March 2021.

3. Staffing Implications

Many staff have been redeployed during the periods of lockdown and other restrictions, which have deferred a variety of non-essential services compared with original business plan objectives.

IMPLICATIONS

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

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1. **Local Member(s)**- N/A
2. **Community / Town Council** – N/A
3. **Relevant Partners** – N/A
4. **Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations** – Monthly meetings with trade unions ongoing

**EXECUTIVE BOARD PORTFOLIO
HOLDERS AWARE / CONSULTED?:**

YES

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 Executive Board Report 19 th October 2020	CCC website