

Questions received from Scrutiny Commission Members

Councillor Rae Bhatia (EDTT)

- Will the consultation and hence the implementation of local plan be delayed and by how much? And given the market conditions now how would this impact the house building work undertaken by the council itself?
- Given the expected change in the way we'll work mainly by reduced presence in the offices (wfh) there will surely be positives out of it but also a negative impact vis-a-vis retail and commercial property development and council's investment strategy. This must be impact assessed.

Councillor Manjit Kaur Saini (ASC)

- What is the situation in our care homes with Covid 19? Do we have statistics for those who have been affected in the Care Homes and how it is being treated?

Councillor George Cole (HCLS)

- What are the City Council's plans for opening leisure centre/sporting facilities and museums in light of social distancing when the government start to relax the lockdown down?
- When does the council envisage De Montfort Hall reopening again?

Councillor Melissa March (ASC and HWB)

- How are we monitoring sheltered housing units, and what could we do in incidences where there were cases of covid to protect others living independently in these places?
- What is the current death toll in care homes, i.e. excess deaths that are atypical numerically at this time of year?
- Are we concerned about the impact of lifting the lockdown on domiciliary care, for example, if carers working in people's own homes suddenly become more exposed to the virus whether they realise it or not?
- There are dreadful reports in the county of larger provider (Leicestershire county care) cutting terms and conditions in the face of this crisis whilst simultaneously asking carers to do more, eg extra pay for unsociable hours have been cut whilst those still at work (whilst colleagues and their households shield) are having to work longer shifts, more shifts etc. Are there any incidences of this kind of behaviour in the city? How would we act to ensure a good outcome for carers and cared for if this were to be a scenario?

- I also have a couple of questions about the new covid specific discharge from hospital care home. I would like to check that this is a new care setting, i.e. not attached to any existing ward, and that staff are not switching from working here into other settings at all, please? Is it being staffed by our own staff, and if so how are we ensuring that we are protecting them and their families as best we can?