



F&A – 25 June 2020

Agenda Item FA1519/20

Interim Final Report from the Coronavirus Strategy Working Group.

Background

The Working Group was established to consider two topics

- Potential actions that the Council might take in the short term to support residents dealing with the immediate impact of coronavirus/COVID 19;
- A review of the Council's current strategic direction while there is a possibility of coronavirus being endemic in the population for a number of years and to recommend, if applicable, changes;

with a mandate to complete its work in six weeks.

Membership

Membership consisted of

Councillors

Emily Benner
Nigel Cole (chair)
Andrew Gallagher
Chris Mitchell
David Montague
Karen Taylor
Cliff Vassilou
Tony Walker
Derek Wallington
Anita Yeung

and

Barry Grant of the Croxley Green Residents' Association

Not all councillors attended all of the meetings.

Meetings

The working group met on 27th June, 18th May and 9th June.

Outcomes

1. The group initially proposed that the Council fund the purchase of up to 1,000 face coverings fabricated by a local person and for distribution to residents who need them.

2. The group also collated a list of local organisations adversely affected by the virus, to encourage them to seek support from the Council.

These two recommendations were discussed and agreed at the first meetings of the group, and purchase of the face coverings was approved by Council at its Extraordinary Meeting on 26/05/2020.

Following detailed budget reviews by standing committees, the Council has set aside an earmarked reserve for ameliorating the impact of the virus on our community; the cost of the face coverings will be covered by the reserve

3. The group agreed to recommend a new strategy for the Council based on the overarching premise that the Council's key purpose is to enhance the wellbeing of Croxley Green residents. The draft is appended.
4. The group further recommends that the strategy is provisionally adopted by the Council **and** then circulated, as widely as possible, within the community for comment; the comments to be considered in a second review to be conducted in one year.

Recommendation

- That a recommendation be made from this committee to Council that the Draft Strategy (Appendix A) is adopted.

Nigel Cole
June 2020

Appendix A

Draft Strategy

Our strategic intent

The Parish Council works to enhance the wellbeing of the residents of Croxley Green.

Our Statement of Purpose

The Parish Council will represent the interests of those who live, learn and work in Croxley Green and will collaborate with others to deliver, maintain and improve the range of services available to the community, addressing environmental, economic and social issues, whilst managing resources effectively.

Our Strategic Goals

The Parish Council works to promote the wellbeing of all the people in our community by:

1. Encouraging and maintaining a sense of community
2. Supporting the development of community activities and increase participation in them
3. Increasing the engagement of the community through effective communication
4. Protecting and sympathetically improving our natural environment
5. Protecting the character of the built environment, and encouraging sustainable development
6. Maintaining the safety and security of residents, their homes and possessions
7. Managing the affairs of the Council on an efficient and effective basis