

## **Extract of the Environment Select Committee minutes – Covid-19 Update – 3 March 2021**

The Chairman introduced the report from the Council's Chief Executive providing a summary of activity to mitigate the impact of the coronavirus in Wiltshire. The report provided in the Agenda pack was considered by Cabinet on 2 February and by Overview & Scrutiny Management Committee on 26 January. It is therefore a little out of date.

It was noted that all of the council's select committees would be receiving the COVID-19 update report and, to avoid duplication, members are invited to focus their questions and debate within this select committees' remit only.

Cllr Richard Clewer, Cabinet member for Corporate Services, Heritage, Arts & Tourism, Housing and Communities provided further in-depth detail on the Council activities undertaken and in particular highlighted the activities of the Highways Team and Waste Team during the pandemic.

Cllr Clewer, Cllr Sturgis Cabinet member for Spatial Planning, Development Management and Property, along with his officer team responded to the following issues that were raised during the discussions:

- The impact of COVID-19 on the collection and use of Section 106 contributions from developers. Cllr Sturgis reported that the Council has good working relationships with developers and any instances where there are issues in connection with Section 106 contributions should be reported to the Director of Highways & Environment for further investigation.
- Pressure on the Discretionary Grant Scheme, the type of businesses applying for the Scheme and how the fund is coping with demand. The Director Economic Development & Planning explained that large businesses had not made a significant call on the fund, applications had mainly been received from smaller operations. Detailed information about the funds current position would be provided after the meeting.

The Chairman thanked the Cabinet Members and officers for attending the meeting and responding to comments and issues raised.

### **Resolved:**

**To note the update.**