

## Wiltshire Council

### Cabinet

1 December 2020

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#### December 2020 – Readiness for the End of the Transition Period with the EU:

##### Overview and Scrutiny engagement

As set out in a [briefing note](#) published on 3 November, the council is currently operating streamlined Overview and Scrutiny arrangements, allowing officers to focus on the response to COVID-19 and support Wiltshire communities in the context of ongoing restrictions.

On 26 November 2020, the Wiltshire COVID-19 Response Scrutiny Task Group met and considered the report to Cabinet on the Readiness for the End of the Transition Period with the EU, with Cabinet Members and officers in attendance to answer questions. The notes of this discussion are presented below.

##### Wiltshire COVID-19 Response Task Group – 26 November 2020

1. As well as setting out the risks presented to the council's operations, the report highlights some potential risks to residents' normal lives, such as localised disruption to fuel supplies. The task group queried whether this might cause alarm. In response it was stated that the report seeks to reassure on the council's preparedness and councillors were asked to feed back if residents reported that they needed further support and information.
2. The council is part of a multi-agency approach to preparing for the end of the transition period with the EU. This has included ensuring relevant Local Resilience Forum plans are up to date and taking part in appropriate exercises. Standard national response plans are also available for a range of scenarios as well as those set out in the council's Integrated Emergency Management Plan (such as severe weather and other major incidents)
3. No further updates to Cabinet on preparations are planned at present. If specific issues arise following the end of the transition period or otherwise, further communications to all councillors will be considered, but reports to Cabinet would not necessarily be the most appropriate medium.

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