

9. NOTICE OF MOTIONS UNDER PROCEDURE RULE 10

Amendment

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Rebuilding from the Coronavirus Pandemic

Council notes the Coronavirus pandemic is the ~~worse~~ **worst** health emergency in over a century and is predicted by the Bank of England to lead to the largest annual contraction in UK GDP for more than three centuries. The impact at national, international and local level is unprecedented in recent history.

Council recognises that the Coronavirus pandemic has had a significant impact on many people's health and well-being and has caused many deaths across our district. We offer our sympathy to all the people affected.

We also express our gratitude to the medical and care staff, and other key workers who have kept core services going, and to those ~~council~~ **Council** staff in East Cambridgeshire who have maintained services to the public throughout the crisis. We are also grateful to our Parish Councils and the many community groups which are supporting residents across the district with shopping, gardening, prescription collection, pet care and many other imaginative initiatives.

As well as continuing to deliver services and support to assist our communities in their response, we recognise the challenges ahead that we face including:

1. The Bank of England predicting a 14% fall in GDP impacting many of our residents' lives and the local economy;
2. Likely continuing restrictions on retail and leisure providers including pubs, restaurants and businesses dependent on tourism;
3. Lord Deben, as chair of the UK Independent Committee on Climate Change, stating "the actions needed to tackle climate change are central to rebuilding our economy".

We need to ~~re-purpose~~ **focus** the ~~council~~ **Council** to ~~move beyond day to day service delivery~~ to address the ~~massive~~ challenges we face for the ~~District's~~ **district's** recovery and its longer-term resilience.

We also welcome new opportunities, notably:

1. To build on the community spirit demonstrated across the district **by seeking to accelerate the partnership work already begun by Cambridgeshire County Council through the Think Communities approach;**
2. To **continue to** support ~~and develop~~ community support groups across our ~~District~~ **district** that have provided essential support to residents;
3. To ~~maintain reduction~~ **retain as far as possible the new enthusiasm for** ~~in vehicle journeys and increase in~~ cycling and, walking and the **reduction in vehicle journeys and the** consequent environmental improvements, **whilst**

noting that currently people are being asked by the Government to avoid using public transport where possible.

This Council therefore resolves as a first step to set up a working party, modelled on the successful Bus working party, to work with businesses, community groups and other authorities from parishes through to central government to help drive an environmentally, socially and economically sustainable recovery for East Cambs.

Amongst the initiatives the ~~Group~~ **working party** should consider, but not be limited to, are:

1. A business survey, **whether that be a new survey or seeking to utilise those already being undertaken**, to fully understand the needs and concerns of our business community, **including sector specific needs, together with opportunities taken to change/improve**, and represent our district in discussions with the Combined Authority;
2. A parish council and community groups survey, to fully understand their needs and concerns and their capacity to assist with the recovery;
3. ~~Collecting~~ **Alongside the collation of the results of the Bus, Walk, Cycle consultation, consideration of** options for experimental transport initiatives which can be promoted to the **Combined Authority and the county council County Council** for speedy implementation to ~~privilege~~ **promote** active modes of travel to and within economic centres within the district;
4. Engaging ECTC and the wider developer community to ~~use the likely post covid housing market conditions as an opportunity to build more affordable and social housing;~~ **continue to maximise the delivery of affordable and social housing on sites across the district cognisant of economic viability;**
5. Exploring further opportunities to facilitate working from home and remote locations **throughout the district** through the deployment across the district of initiatives such as 5G and ultrafast broadband infrastructure.

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