

Covid Response Advisory Working Group

Monday 8 November 2021

Notes

Present

Cllr Andy Foulsham
Cllr Gabby Barody
Cllr Eric de la Harpe
Cllr Lorraine Oates

Chair
Vice-Chair

In attendance

Andy Crick
Nigel Warner

Clerk to the meeting
Town Clerk

All other Town Council members for Information only.

1. **Apologies for Absence**

None

2. **Declarations of Interest**

None

3. **Notes**

The notes of the Covid Response Advisory Working Group meeting held on [13 September 2021](#) were agreed.

4. **Updates from District Council**

There has been an increase in cases of Covid-19 in the county, although the rate is considerably lower than in many neighbouring areas. There has been a slight fall in infection rates in recent days. Schools may be contributing to the incidence rate and lower levels of vaccination among schoolchildren may contribute. It has been suggested that the incidence of Covid-19 may persist for two years.

The importance of vaccinations and booster jabs should be stressed and **officers were asked to publicise this on the Town Council website and on social media.**

The working group agreed that officers should exercise caution and that remote working should be re-introduced should the senior management consider it to be necessary. Pressure on health services in the county remains acute and this should be taken into account when considering working.

5. **Updates from County Council**

None

6. **Covid bounce back projects**

This agenda item was included as a standing item but there were no updates for this meeting.

The Cemeteries and Outdoor Services Manager has reported that additional seating for the town centre has been ordered and should be delivered later this month.

7. **Remote working**

The report of the Town Clerk was noted.

8. **Response to Covid-19 cases among staff and Councillors**

The recent incidence of Covid-19 was noted and the response of the Town Council in recommending testing was endorsed. Staff have been recommended to stay away from the office if they experience any illness to ensure their wellbeing and the safety of colleagues.

9. **Date of next meeting**

To note the dates of the next meeting to be held at 6pm.

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The meeting closed at 6.36pm