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Tuesday 1 December 2020 at 6.30 pm

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The Councillors listed below are requested to attend the above meeting, on the day and at the time and place stated, to consider the business set out in this agenda.

Membership

Councillor Adeleke (Vice-Chairman)
Councillor Mrs Bassadone
Councillor England
Councillor Imarni (Chairman)
Councillor Mahmood
Councillor Pringle
Councillor Arslan

Councillor Durrant
Councillor Johnson
Councillor Oguchi
Councillor Hollinghurst
Councillor Barry
Councillor Freedman

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AGENDA

2. ACTION POINTS (Pages 2 - 8)

Housing and Community OSC

Actions arising

Date of meeting	Action point	Responsible for action	Date action completed	Update on action point
9 September 2020	HC/059/20 – S Railson to provide costings for the upgrade of the Old Town Hall.	Sara Railson	24 November 2020	<p>The indicative costs for ICT hardware to live stream events would be approximately £12,000. Streaming costs for each event would be in the region of £700 to £1000.</p> <p>We currently have a vacant theatre technician post. We would need to appoint a theatre technician with the right skill set/experience to ensure we could run these events. Currently live streaming content is limited due to the pandemic. A future streaming strategy would need to be devised when CV-19 restrictions are lifted if the Council considered streaming live events to be included as part of a future arts programme.</p>
7 October 2020	HC/071/20 – Councillor Imarni to get an update from the Climate Change Lead Officer as to when a report could be scheduled at the committee	Councillor Imarni	4 November 2020	<p>There was a meeting with the Climate Change Officer and as of March there will be training for Members and a presentation to this Committee, which should appear on the Work Programme at the next meeting.</p>
4 Nov	<u>HC/077/20</u> Cllr Mahmood asked about the total income and where appreciation should be included. F Jump	F Jump		

	advised that appreciation is accounted for differently, not in the Housing Revenue Account and she would be happy to provide the information outside of this meeting.			
4 Nov	<u>HC/078/20</u> Cllr Barry asked if there is a breakdown per venue of the attendance at Adventure Playgrounds.	M Rawdon	5 November 2020	Figures were provided to the Member Support team to share with committee members on 5 November 2020.
4 Nov	<u>HC/078/20</u> Cllr England asked what the Council's Policy is and what it might be in terms of supporting the local community with information about the incidents of Covid locally. Cllr England mentioned that he had been copied into	M Rawdon	23 November 2020	The request was raised at the Council's Incident Management Team week commencing 9 November. The response is detailed below: Dacorum Borough Council has worked together with the 10 councils in Hertfordshire as part of the Local Resilience Forum. This includes the coordination and implementation of communication campaigns from the Communications Cell, Community Reassurance Cell and Strategic Coordinating Group amongst others. We actively promote national public health campaigns, HMRC campaigns and central government campaigns (Cabinet Office). We particularly focus on Hertfordshire wide campaigns agreed under the Local Resilience

	<p>correspondence, from Jo Bullen who is posting information on Facebook daily, which asks if the Council can amplify the output that she is producing. Cllr England wanted to know if we can do that. M Rawdon will raise with the Incident Management Team.</p>			<p>Forum umbrella and local campaigns aimed at residents and businesses.</p> <p>This work has been communicated extensively across communication channels including our website, social media, digital and print publications, public screens and through local and regional press. This information has also been shared extensively via residents on their own social media channels and networks. Visits to local businesses, including supermarkets, have been carried out by our environmental health teams to further promote COVID-19 secure guidance. Hertfordshire County Council, as the education authority, leads on the engagement with schools and education facilities through their established channels.</p> <p>In mid-November we reviewed all COVID-19 related webpages (55 in total), and have worked with the relevant services to review and update pages where required. This includes pages such as the emergency grants which went live on 13 November. All COVID-19 pages are regularly updated, and will be reviewed before the start of the tier system in December.</p> <p>In alignment with the 10 councils in Hertfordshire, we do not publish daily COVID-19 figures on social media. This information is publicly available on both the Hertfordshire County Council and Dacorum Borough Council websites. This can be accessed anytime at https://hcc-pei.shinyapps.io/covid19_public_dashboard/ or the Covid-19 advice and updates page http://www.dacorum.gov.uk/home/coronavirus-(covid-19)-advice-and-updates</p>
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4 Nov	<p><u>HC/078/20</u></p> <p>L Roberts advised that we need to be very careful of the information provided due to confidentiality. Cllr England will the request as he does not think it contains personal information, it's Government information and just a case of amplifying it as it's already in the public domain. L Roberts confirmed it would be helpful if Cllr England</p>	Cllr England		

	could forward the information.			
4 Nov	<p><u>HC/078/20</u> Cllr Pringle raised concerns about public perception on Covid at the moment, there is a sense that people are consciously challenging the risk despite the Governments advice, which people are not trusting. There is more trust at a local level and Cllr Pringle would like Dacorum Borough Council to take stock and reflect on the vital role we can play, a granular approach is needed, working very closely with schools, which is a trusted community network. Cllr Pringle had raised previously about a communications strategy, people</p>	M Rawdon		<p>The request was raised at the Council's Incident Management Team week commencing 9 November.</p> <p>The response is detailed below:</p> <p>Dacorum Borough Council has worked together with the 10 councils in Hertfordshire as part of the Local Resilience Forum. This includes the coordination and implementation of communication campaigns from the Communications Cell, Community Reassurance Cell and Strategic Coordinating Group amongst others. We actively promote national public health campaigns, HMRC campaigns and central government campaigns (Cabinet Office). We particularly focus on Hertfordshire wide campaigns agreed under the Local Resilience Forum umbrella and local campaigns aimed at residents and businesses.</p> <p>This work has been communicated extensively across communication channels including our website, social media, digital and print publications, public screens and through local and regional press. This information has also been shared extensively via residents on their own social media channels and networks. Visits to local businesses, including supermarkets, have been carried out by our environmental health teams to further promote COVID-19 secure guidance. Hertfordshire County Council, as the education authority, leads on the engagement with schools and education facilities through their established channels.</p>

	<p>need to know what's happening in their community because it's vital that people understand the facts.</p> <p>Consideration should be given to a granular breakdown being published daily, with perhaps inclusion in weekly newsletters in schools and education facilities that are already being sent out, which sets out the details in the Borough to ensure that the public are fully aware of the risks and the actions they can take. M Rawdon confirmed he would raise it at Incident Management Team.</p>			<p>In mid-November we reviewed all COVID-19 related webpages (55 in total), and have worked with the relevant services to review and update pages where required. This includes pages such as the emergency grants which went live on 13 November. All COVID-19 pages are regularly updated, and will be reviewed before the start of the tier system in December.</p> <p>In alignment with the 10 councils in Hertfordshire, we do not publish daily COVID-19 figures on social media. This information is publicly available on both the Hertfordshire County Council and Dacorum Borough Council websites. This can be accessed anytime at https://hcc-phei.shinyapps.io/covid19_public_dashboard/ or the Covid-19 advice and updates page http://www.dacorum.gov.uk/home/coronavirus-(covid-19)-advice-and-updates</p> <p>In addition to the public dashboard, we have recently published a weekly edition of Digital Digest (over 15,000 subscribers) which includes a 7-day average on COVID-19 figures for Dacorum, Hertfordshire and England. This digital publication includes communication campaigns aimed to support, educate and signpost to relevant services. We encourage residents and businesses to share our campaigns and information across their social media accounts and networks, and thank residents like Jo Bullen for sharing any of our current or future campaigns, information or announcements.</p>
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	advised she will circulate more detailed information on the Capital charges breakdown.			