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To all Members of Cabinet

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Dear Councillor

CABINET - THURSDAY 25TH JUNE, 2020

I refer to the agenda for the above meeting and now enclose the following presentation that was unavailable when the agenda was published.

Agenda No.	Item
4	Covid-19 Response (Pages 72 - 83) Powerpoint presentation in relation to Sefton Council's Covid-19 response

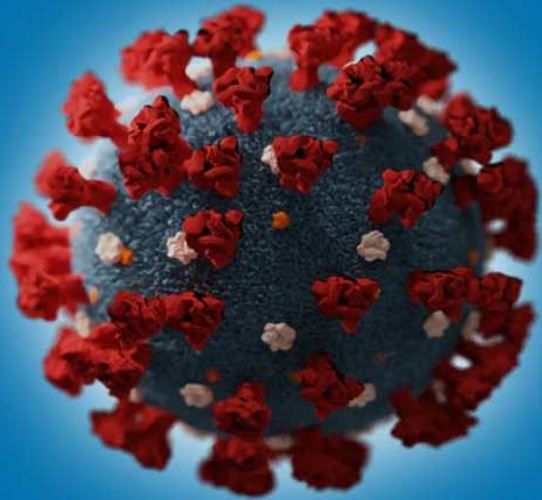
Yours faithfully,

DAVID MCCULLOUGH

Chief Legal and Democratic Officer

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Sefton Council Presentation on Covid-19



Seconds Hand Washing



Metres apart



EXCUSES

June 2020



Our Approach



PM announced lockdown on 23 March 2020



Agreed a set of principles:

- Supporting the most vulnerable
- Working alongside partner agencies and businesses
- Communications with communities
- Planning for recovery



Politics Nationally– Government daily TV briefings and Council Officers responding



Politics Locally – daily briefings with Leader of the Council; weekly updates for Opposition Leaders and weekly newsletter from Council
Leader- regular MP briefings

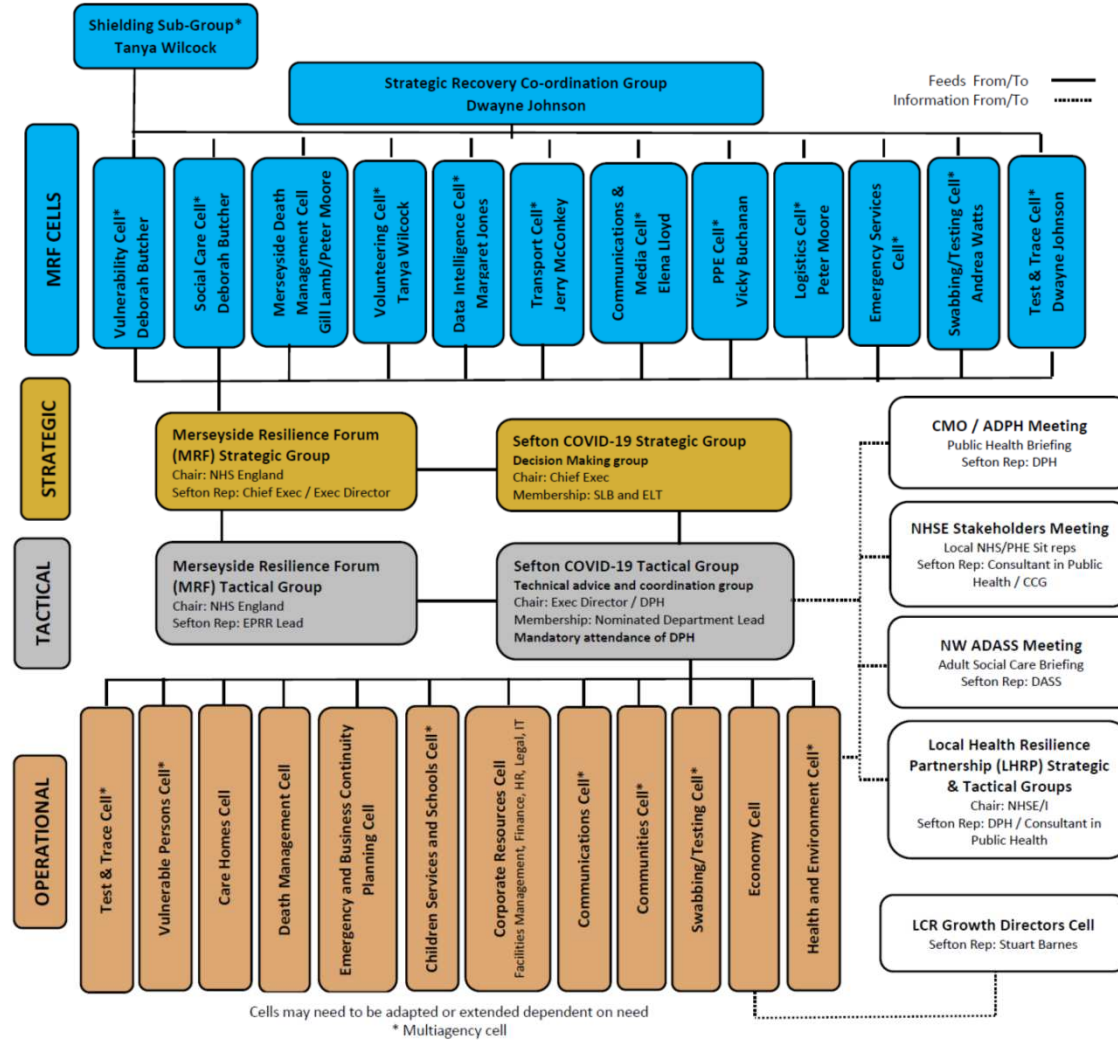


Governance

Governance - Where we started

- § Membership of Merseyside Resilience Forum's Strategic and Tactical Groups.
- § Established Strategic and Tactical Groups for Sefton, supported by 12 operational cells.
- § Continued proactive communications with communities and workforce.
- § Strategic and tactical recovery planning underway.

Sefton COVID-19 Governance Arrangements





Immediate Council response

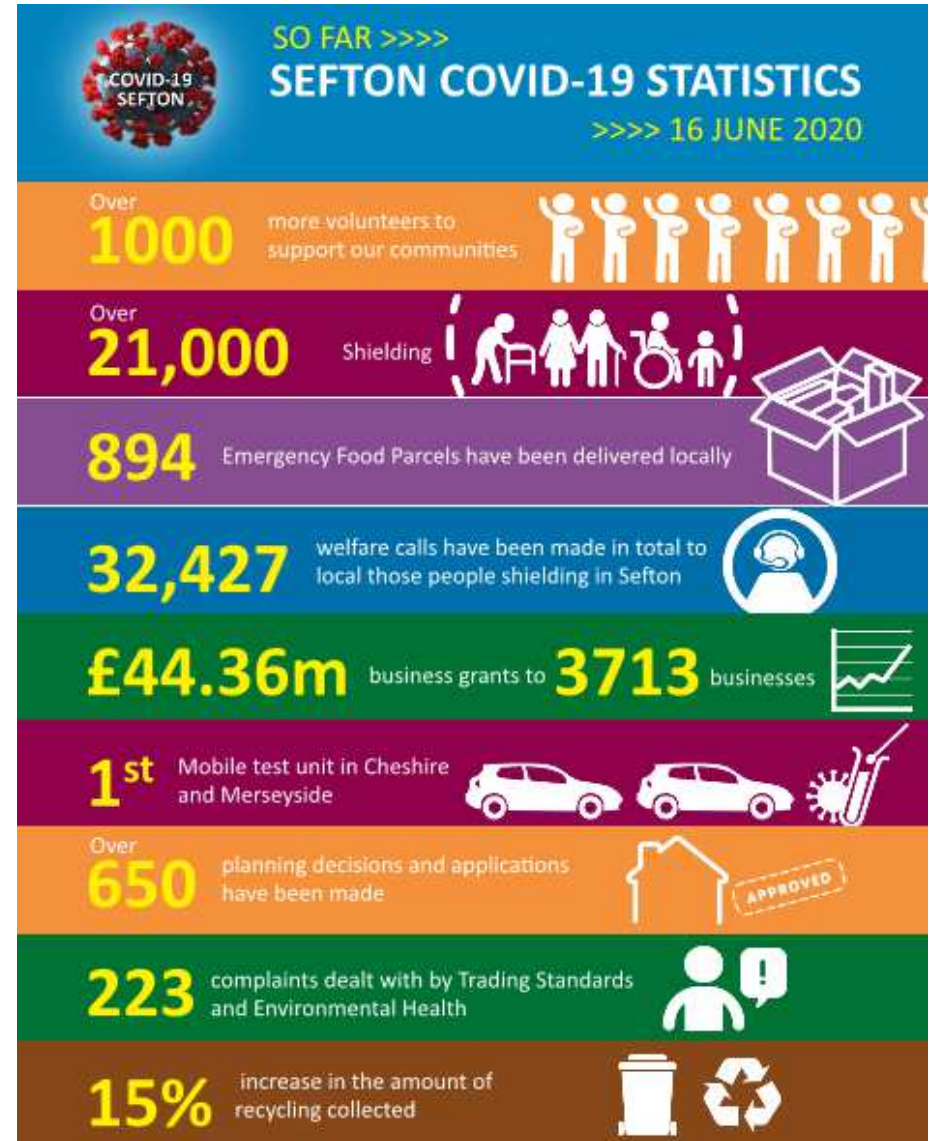


- Coronavirus 2020 Act – 25 March Royal Assent
- Announcement of Business grants and rate relief
- Agile working
- Virtual meetings
- Maintaining services – e.g. social work services; cleansing services; on-line library services
- Closing some services – libraries; leisure services; Atkinson
- Establish support infrastructure for clinically vulnerable shielding residents including emergency food support, basic care needs and delivery of medicines
- Staff volunteered to work in other departments
- Ordered significant amounts of PPE
- Communications -

Twitter	Facebook	Instagram
1.7k tweets	636 posts	64 posts
11k engagements	33k engagements	1.5k engagements
13k link clicks	13k link clicks	
+893 followers	+1157 followers	+447 followers

Some Key Stats So Far

- § Paid grants totalling almost £45M to over 4,000 businesses
- § We have reissued over 1,500 business rates bills for those qualifying for 100% retail hospitality and leisure relief.
- § Our virtual contact centre is now open Monday to Friday, 8am to 6pm, Saturday 9am-6pm
- § We have supported over 3,000 Sefton residents who are considered extremely vulnerable in need of shielding.
- § We are providing temporary accommodation for over 140 homeless households in Sefton.
- § Over 1,000 Sefton residents have registered as volunteers and Sefton Councillors have been actively involved in contacting over 3,000 households.
- § Over 500 Officers have been redeployed to support in alternative service areas to meet new or additional demands. Over the 3 months 17th March to 17th June, there were 112 absences related to Covid-19
- § Test and tracing position - 1st mobile unit in Cheshire & Merseyside, over 3500 tests
- § Almost 1000 lab-confirmed positive Covid cases in Sefton
- § Tragically over 278 people have died in Sefton of Covid 19

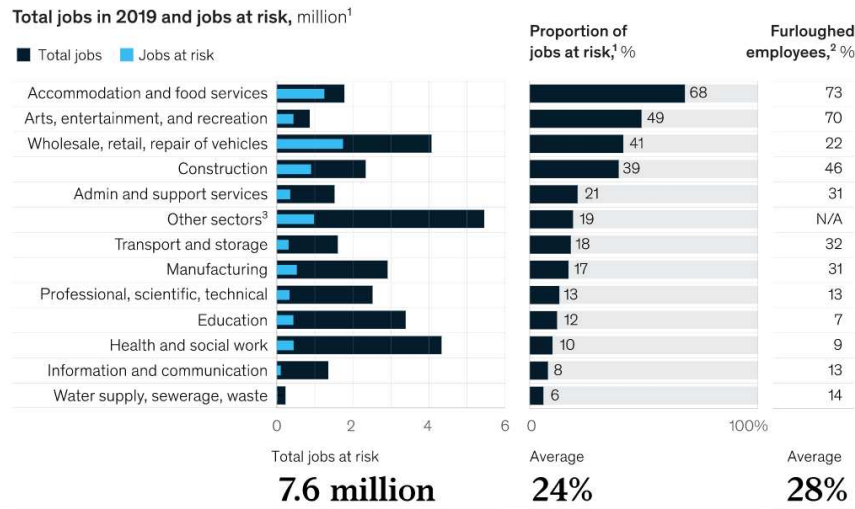


Support for Residents and Communities & our Workforce

- Children social care and youth services - RAG rated the most vulnerable, Kooth extended to 25
- Schools and early years services - supporting our key workers and vulnerable children, Aiming High team supporting our schools
- Adult social care - immediate resource injection, daily calls to care homes , concerns about future viability. Integrated social work response to vulnerable residents 7/7
- Public health – Technical advice on testing, tracing, Schools and care homes
- Providing temporary accommodation to over 140 homeless households
- Highways –keeping the highways operating; implementing interim active travel scheme
- Cultural Activities - able to deliver some classes online initially, on line library services
- Economic and business support - supporting local businesses with grants
- Registrars – services where possible maintained
- Refuse services - all services maintained
- Contact centre - support available 6 days and online plus emergency duty cover
- Shielded residents - calls, texts and connected with Voluntary, Community and Faith sector
- Voluntary Sector partnership and support has been extensive
- Elected members visiting socially isolated

Economic Impacts – Starting Point for Recovery

Covid-19 Impact on People & Jobs in the UK, McKinsey, 12 May 2020



¹Jobs that are at a high risk of furloughs, layoffs, or reductions in hours or pay during periods of high physical distancing.
²From Apr 6–19, 2020, published on May 7.
³Data for furloughed employees does not exist for some sectors, so they have been combined into this category. The sectors include agriculture, forestry and

Impacts

27,700 jobs furloughed in Sefton at 31st May 2020

Source: gov.uk

Financial support for 8,500 self-employed individuals

Source: gov.uk

68% of accommodation and food service jobs at risk

Source: Covid-19 Impact on People & Jobs in the UK, McKinsey, 12 May 2020

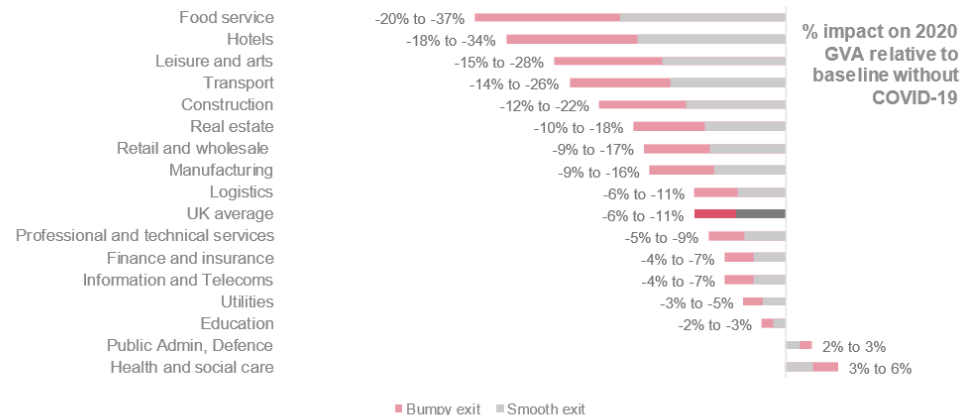
49% of arts, recreation, and entertainment jobs at risk

Source: Covid-19 Impact on People & Jobs in the UK, McKinsey, 12 May 2020

15-37% impact on 2020 GVA in food service, hotels, leisure, arts

Source: ONS, PwC Economics analysis

Range of estimated GVA impact by sector – ‘Smooth exit’ vs ‘Bumpy exit’, % impact on 2020 GVA relative to baseline without COVID-19



Source: PwCEconomics analysis, ONS



Core Objectives for Recovery Planning

- § Ensure development and implementation of a recovery plan for the borough that supports delivery of the partnership 2030 vision for Sefton.
- § Ensure the Council's effectiveness in its role in that plan, including maximising opportunity for transformation and continuous improvement.
- § Work collaboratively with partners to develop and implement this plan, ensuring prioritisation of shared objectives and the 2030 Vision.
- § Deliver a plan for Sefton that (where applicable) aligns with, benefits from, and learns from the recovery planning structures across the region.
- § Return to local democracy – Planning/Cabinet – restart Overview and Scrutiny
- § Maximise opportunities, economically and otherwise, from the “new norm”.
- § Support implementation of strategies for our town centres and business areas.
- § Define and measure success in all areas of recovery.
- § Financial Sustainability
- § Capture and share lessons learned from response and recovery.

Strategic Approach to Recovery

- § Recovery is not just reverting to exactly where we started.
- § Addressing these 4 key questions in all areas.
- § The “when” and “how” we get there, transitioning through the identified COVID Alert Levels.
- § Continuing to work towards the 2030 Vision for Sefton.

<p>What have we had to start doing that we will need to stop doing?</p> <p><i>e.g. redeployment of staff in certain areas; transition plan back to former roles</i></p>	<p>What have we started doing that we want to continue with?</p> <p><i>e.g. strength of community relationships and engagement</i></p>
<p>What have we stopped doing that we need to restart?</p> <p><i>e.g. project activity in economic growth and housing</i></p>	<p>What have we stopped doing that we don't want to restart?</p> <p><i>e.g. working practices, locations? Reduced silo working?</i></p>

Level	Description	Action
5	As level 4 and there is a material risk of healthcare services being overwhelmed	Social distancing measures increase from today's level
4	A COVID-19 epidemic is in general circulation; transmission is high or rising exponentially	Current social distancing measures and restrictions
3	A COVID-19 epidemic is in general circulation	Gradual relaxing of restrictions and social distancing measures
2	COVID-19 is present in the UK, but the number of cases and transmission is low	No or minimal social distancing measures; enhanced testing, tracing, monitoring and screening
1	COVID-19 is not known to be present in the UK	Routine international monitoring

STAY ALERT · CONTROL THE VIRUS · SAVE LIVES

Examples only	Car park opening
Level 5	All car parks closed and staff redeployed
Required actions	
Level 4	All car parks closed and staff redeployed
Required actions	
Level 3	Car parks reopened where safe for staff to operate in enforcement and cash collection
Required actions	
Level 2	Car parks fully operational
Required actions	
Level 1	Car parks fully operational



Recovery Planning – Progress Update

- § Continued focus on response, ensuring continued preparedness for any “second wave”.
- § Sustainable management structures in place for the “new normal” (e.g. PPE).
- § Phased and safe return of certain services and activities.
- § Transition planning in all service areas, aligned to the Alert Levels, to enable governance and prioritisation, management of conflicts and resource issues, and financial control.
- § Economic recovery – including Sefton impact assessment, with planning under development in respect of:
 - People
 - Place
 - Productivity
- § Continued engagement on recovery planning with LCR Combined Authority and other partners
- § Cabinet Member and community engagement

Summary

- § Unprecedented worldwide pandemic and most complex set of circumstances
- § Council workforce a credit and the Council able to operate a significant number of services and staff working agile
- § Partnership working very strong and enhanced relationships with Schools
- § Council in a strong position going forward in terms of recovery but need to ensure we receive financial backing
- § Tragically significant numbers of local people have died and families suffered loss

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