

Coronavirus (COVID-19) update from Cllr Gareth Roberts 16 March 2020

Cllr Gareth Roberts: Hello, we've just received the latest update from the government regarding the Covid-19 Coronavirus outbreak. There are new measures which the government is asking you to partake, they are asking if you are able to work from home to do so, to avoid all unnecessary travel and to avoid social gathering so unfortunately that means no pubs no clubs, no theatres, no restaurants. And if you are living with somebody who's experiencing symptoms then you need to isolate the whole household.

These are not measures which are taken likely they are driven by evidence. We have been given no instructions at this time to close our schools, nor have we been asked to quarantine our care homes. However, if you are wanting to visit residents in those care homes it is best to check in advance so that you know what the precautions you need to take are.

We are already getting a lot of requests from residents as to how they can help through our voluntary networks and we are currently liaising with those voluntary groups in order to find out what support they need from the council and how we can help deliver that support.

I know that this is going to be a time of concern, possibly even panic. If you are going shopping, please only buy what you need, do not be tempted to do panic buying. We've heard from the retail consortium that there is ample supply in the warehouses. All it needs is for those supplies to get to the shops and they are doing everything they can to make that happen. If you do find yourself without supplies then do first and foremost consider your local shops, chances are they will have abundance of supplies of the things which you cannot find in the big supermarket shelves. So, shop locally wherever possible because those business will now need our help more than ever before.

Above all, stay fed, stay safe and stay healthy and if and when there are any changes, we will update you as soon as we can. Thank you.