

## **Coronavirus (COVID-19) update from Cllr Gareth Roberts and Cllr Piers Allen 25 March 2020**

**Cllr Gareth Roberts:** Hi, I'm here in the Richmond Community Hub, this is a special unit which we have created in order to make sure that those people who need help in our community get that help. If you are isolated, elderly or vulnerable and you need support during this difficult time, the details of how to get in touch will be on the screen after this video.

**Cllr Piers Allen:** it's day two, busy taking calls. We have staff here from services across the Council, from library staff, adult social care staff, some members of the regular contact team, taking calls from residents. I particularly want to thank all the staff who are here and many who are working from home taking regular calls in the Council's Contact Centre and particularly want to also thank all those residents who are staying at home, only going out when they need to, keeping social distancing. Thank you all.

**Cllr Gareth Roberts:** what we do need, more than ever now, is for those businesses who have access to food supplies, whether they are restaurants, independent stores, major supermarkets, to donate. To donate to our Age UK Richmond centre and they will make sure that those food supplies get distributed out to those people who need it. So, if you are in any way connected with food retail or food manufacture, please donate. Details on the screen after this message.