

Requisitioned Item

Cabinet Member: Leader of the Council

Division and Local Member: N/A

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1. Public Health – Covid-19 Pandemic Response –

- 1.1** The following requisitioned item will be proposed by Cllr Martin Dimery and seconded by Cllr Leigh Redman:

Following the most recent Government announcement and in view of the excellent work conducted by Somerset County Council Public Health officers in response to the Covid-19 pandemic, coupled with the need to extend and improve the national Track and Trace service: the Council requests the Leader of the Council to write to Matt Hancock, Secretary of State for Health and Social Care.

The purpose of the letter would be to ask that further responsibilities, resources and finances are diverted directly to Somerset County Council. This would enable the County Public Health team to expand and increase their work in locating and isolating cases of Coronavirus, so assisting in a more rapid and thorough resolution to local outbreaks and incidents.