

Combroke Parish Council Meeting

15th October 2020

District Councillors Report

STRATFORD-ON-AVON DISTRICT RESIDENTS URGED TO FOLLOW THE RULES FOLLOWING A RISE IN COVID CASES

Stratford-on-Avon District residents urged to follow the rules following a rise in COVID cases

With cases of COVID-19 on the rise across Stratford District, the District Council is urging residents to play their part.

The number of positive cases within the district continues to grow – the current 7 day rate is 94.5 per 100,000, this compares to the position on Friday 2nd October before the under-reporting error of 19, the second highest in the county.

The latest number of Covid-19 cases in the District as from 4th October is at a total of 721.

Residents are therefore urged to continue to:

Wash your hands regularly and when that's not possible use hand sanitiser

Keep at least 2 meters from people you don't live with

Wear a face covering in enclosed places, on public transport and in shops unless you are exempt

Know the symptoms of COVID-19 and book a test as soon as symptoms appear

Follow the rules and self-isolate if you have symptoms, if you have a positive COVID test or if you are asked to by the NHS Test and Trace service

Download the NHS Test and Trace App and leave your details when at social venues

For more information and advice on staying safe, visit: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/>

SDC to increase the messaging surrounding “Doing the right thing for Stratford” in the context of increasing cases locally. This will be reinforcing the national messages of “Hands, Face & Space”

- The DoPH will be writing to care homes requesting that restrictions are put in place surrounding visiting. This will bring Warwickshire in line with the position for Coventry

In addition to the increase in cases the Council has been preparing for the roll out of the:

- Test & Trace Support Payment Scheme – David Platts has previously provided a briefing on this, it relates to a £500 payment to those individuals on low income which have been required to self-isolate and would otherwise lose income. The original government estimate was that the Council would be required to make 2 or 3 payments such payments per day, however this has now been increased to around 12 to 13 payments;

- Local Lockdown Grant Scheme – should a local lockdown be imposed on the district or part of the district which requires businesses to close the Council will be responsible for administering a grant to those affected. The grant will amount to £1,500 per business and is designed to cover a 3 week period. This is similar to the original grant scheme which resulted in payments of around £34m from the Council to local businesses, if this scheme is triggered we will provide further information.

WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL AND PARTNERS LOOK TO PREVENT HOMELESSNESS THROUGH NEW STRATEGIC BOARD

Warwickshire County Council and partners including North Warwickshire Borough Council, Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council, Rugby Borough Council, Warwick District Council and Stratford-on-Avon District Council, Warwickshire Police, Probation and the NHS, have formed a Homelessness Strategic Board, in a bid to prevent homelessness across the county.

The new collective will work to the principles of the Homelessness Reduction Act 2017 – which introduced fundamental changes to how Local Authorities assess and assist homeless applicants. The intention of the Act is to give a greater focus on prevention.

In line with the working objectives of the Act, the Homelessness Strategic Board and its partners, will look to incorporate five overarching, strategic priorities, which include:

To reduce the inequalities and improve the health of people at risk of homelessness, homeless or sleeping rough in Warwickshire.

To enhance and improve services that prevent homelessness among young people.

To prevent domestic abuse and the crisis homelessness resulting from it wherever possible.

To deliver better-focussed housing and related support services for those at risk of homelessness on leaving prison

To ensure that a wide range of appropriate services are available to support those at risk of homelessness due to financial difficulties.

The Homelessness Strategic Board is seeking views on the overarching priorities and recommendations within the draft strategy. We're interested in hearing from a wide range of partners, including members of the public, statutory partners and representatives from the community and voluntary sector.

To give your views on the draft strategy, please visit Ask Warwickshire and search for Draft Warwickshire Homelessness Strategy (www.warwickshire.gov.uk/ask).

The strategy engagement period will be from the 5th of October, until the 1st of November. Should you have any specific queries, please contact emilyfernandez@warwickshire.gov.uk.

The Homelessness Strategic Board is aiming to publish the final strategy in Spring 2021.

Full Council Meeting

The next Full Council Meeting will be 19th October

Items to be discussed will be the Site Allocations Plan – Preferred Options.

A lot of controversy over the Meon Vale site as this is one of the options. As in all cases, it will be going out to public consultation