

COVID-19 EMERGENCY PLANNING HIGHLIGHT REPORT

SERVICE AREAS:	Resources
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REPORTING PERIOD:	To the 19 th June
NEW GUIDANCE AND IMPACT	
Finance <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The latest financial return was made to MHCLG on the 19th June setting out the overall impact to the Council at this point in time. The gap, after taking account of the £11m of Government funding received to date now stands at £14m.• The new BEIS Grant scheme went live for applications in Peterborough on the 15th June and will close on the 26th June. £1.47m of Grant will be distributed once the application period closes. Registrars <ul style="list-style-type: none">• We have a proposed date of Weds 24 June to start registering those births that had appointments cancelled by us.	
NEW CHALLENGES AND ACTIVITY	
Finance <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Managing expectations of the new BEIS Grant – as it is expected to be oversubscribed.• Lobbying government for a funding solution to the deficit position due to COVID-19 this year and also the collection fund shortfalls next year. Property <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Departments returned data on the 19th June in respect of how they will work in the next 2-3 months. Property now need to analyse that data to ensure that buildings are ready and safe for higher activity than has been the case to this point.	
RECOVERY ACTIVITY	
Resources Overall <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Logging how the different parts of the department will work over the next 2 -3 month period. The majority will continue to work from home. However, as highlighted above Registrars will now start to be able to meet customers face to face. Finance <ul style="list-style-type: none">• In the process of approving the 2021/22 budget. Members will remember that Officers held “lean reviews” in February and March. This now needs to be re-examined and added to the ongoing effect of COVID-19 on the Council’s financial position.	
DECISIONS MADE SINCE LAST REPORTING PERIOD	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Opening of the Registration Office for Births.• Opening of the new BEIS Grant Application Scheme on the 15th June.• How Resources will operate over the next 2-3 months (continuation of Working from Home)	
NEW FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS SINCE LAST REPORTING PERIOD	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The latest return was sent to MHCLG on the 19th June. In this return, the overall deficit figure due to COVID-19 for 2020/21 has risen to £14m after taking account of the £11m of Grant funding already received by the Council.• The latest BEIS Grant application process (for £1.47m) opened on Monday 15th June.	
WORKFORCE CHANGES	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• None to report	
COMMUNICATIONS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Launch of the new BEIS Grant Application Process was delivered prior to the launch date of 15th June.	