

FROM: **COMMUNITY AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES COMMITTEE**  
28<sup>th</sup> September 2020

TO: **DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES:**

### **Consultation on Covid-19**

RESOLVED, that – the minutes of the meeting held on 24 July 2020 be approved, noting that Ruby Sayed (Deputy Chairman) had been in attendance.

### **Matters arising**

1. A Member asked about a forthcoming report, due at the Committee in November, which would set out lessons learned re: the Department's Covid responses.

A Member asked the Director about including residents' views as part of the November report.

The Director questioned the timing and resources to undertake a full consultation now and suggested a wider consultation at a later stage.

A Member strongly expressed their desire for resident consultation but with an initial understanding of the Director's position re: resources to undertake an effective consultation. The Member also expressed reservations re: levels of understanding of the Civil Contingency Act.

A Member proposed a Motion.

A Member proposed that the responses would be made public and it was agreed with the Director that officers would simply collate the responses.

The Director suggested that the letter to residents' groups should be officer neutral. The Member proposing the Motion agreed to draft this, and would send it to the Chairman, Deputy Chairman and those Committee Members who spoke on the Motion, copied to the Director and Committee Clerk, within the next 24 hours.

It was proposed by Graeme Harrower, seconded by Sue Pearson and RESOLVED, That:

*'The City's elected representatives, residents' associations, Square Mile Food Bank and volunteer Covid support hubs be asked, by the Department of Community and Children's Services, for their views on the Department's response to the Covid crisis, and that their input be published in a report brought to the next meeting of this Committee on 6 November 2020'.*