

Presentation -- Surrey Heath Prepared

Portfolio

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Purpose

To receive a presentation from James Robinson, Chairman, Surrey Heath Prepared.

Background Information

1. Surrey Heath Prepared (SHP) is a temporary community group that came together in March to fill a local and immediate need in response to the coronavirus pandemic. A huge amount in short time by providing a helping hand where it was most needed, in the form of collecting prescriptions, shopping, food parcels to those who were vulnerable, shielded, and at a higher risk of infection. Each of the 16 wards within the Borough is represented by a co-ordinator where people can ask for help that keeps them safe at home. For further information please visit the Surrey Heath Prepared website www.surreyheath-prepared.uk.

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2. The Council has worked openly and collaboratively with SHP to ensure that as far as possible a comprehensive support was and is available for the 12 week period, ensuring that essential and basic food, medication and power were available to all those in need that were either part of the vulnerable or shielded list, any aimed to assist all who made contact to either the SHP contact centre or the local ward co-ordinators.
3. The lockdown arrangements are starting to ease which lifts some of the restrictions upon those at greatest risk, and with this recovery the services provided by SHP are starting to wind down.
4. Both SHP and the Council are in discussion with the Besom with the aim of supporting them to resume their foodbank service from the 1st July.

Recommendation

5. The Committee is asked to consider the presentation in relation to Surrey Heath, and any future steps which Members would wish to recommend to the Executive and/or Council.

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