

Cyngor Sir CEREDIGION County Council

REPORT TO: Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee

DATE: 16th of June 2021

LOCATION: Remotely via Video Conference

TITLE: Report on Covid-19 Gold Command Decision log

PURPOSE OF REPORT: To provide information on the decisions of the Covid-19 Leadership Group ('Gold Command') for the meetings held between the 1st of December 2020 and the 29th of April 2021

REASON SCRUTINY HAVE REQUESTED THE INFORMATION: Not requested

BACKGROUND:

On the 25th of March 2020, the Leader granted temporary delegated powers to the Council's Chief Executive and the Gold Command Leadership Group, to make decisions relating to the Council's COVID-19 response document (a) below.

This decision was reviewed and on the 2nd of October 2020 the Leader approved the revised decision (see document (b) below). The document will be reviewed in January 2021.

During the period Gold Command Meetings have been held in order to discuss the Covid-19 pandemic and how to effectively deal with the situation. Gold Command continues to meet several times weekly.

Audit Wales's Covid-19 Recovery Interim Assurance letter of the 19th of October 2020 to the Council summarises its interim conclusions based on the ongoing monitoring of the adjustment process regarding the ongoing impact of the pandemic. In the Appendix, Audit Wales refers to, as part of the Council's adapting decision-making arrangements, the Decision Log as being planned for publication on the Council's website and for reporting to the next meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny – Co-ordinating Committee (see (c) below).

The Audit Committee noted the contents of this letter at its meeting on the 12th of November 2020.

The Decision Log lists the decisions made during Gold Command meetings since the first meeting held on the 2nd of March 2020.

The Log was first published on the Council website on the 5th of November 2020 (for decisions made up to the 30th of September 2020).

A Report was presented to the Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee on the 20th of January 2021. Attached to the Report was the Decision Log for decisions made since the first meeting held on the 2nd of March 2020 to (and including) the decisions made on the 30th of November 2020. The Log was first published on the Council website on the 5th of November 2020 (for decisions made up to the 30th of September 2020).

(Report available at

http://www.ceredigion.gov.uk/cpdl/Democratic_Services_Meetings_Public/Coord%20agenda%20pack%2020200121%20FINAL%20English%20v2.pdf

CURRENT POSITION

The Decision Log for decisions made during Gold Command meetings between the 3rd of December 2020 and the 26th of February 2021 has been published on the Council's website (See **Appendix 1** below and link at (f) below).

The Decision Log for decisions made during Gold Command meetings between the 2nd of March 2021 and the 29th of April 2021 has also now been prepared (see **Appendix 2** attached) and will be published on the Council's website.

(<https://www.ceredigion.gov.uk/resident/coronavirus-covid-19/governance/>)

Links to relevant documents are shown below:

- (a) Record of Urgent Decision – ‘Preparing for Covid-19’
<https://www.ceredigion.gov.uk/media/6833/cofnod-o-benderfyniad-brys-record-of-urgent-decision.pdf>
- (b) Record of Urgent Decision - ‘Continuing to respond to Covid-19’
<https://www.ceredigion.gov.uk/media/7784/adolygiad-parhau-i-ymateb-i-covid-19-review-continuing-to-respond-to-covid-19-medi-september-2020.pdf>
- (c) Audit Wales Covid-19 Recovery Interim Assurance letter dated the 19th of October 2020
[http://www.ceredigion.gov.uk/cpdl/Democratic_Services_Meetings_Public/1%20Audit%20Wales%20Report%20combined%20\(s\).pdf](http://www.ceredigion.gov.uk/cpdl/Democratic_Services_Meetings_Public/1%20Audit%20Wales%20Report%20combined%20(s).pdf).
- (d) Decision log – 2/3/2020 to 30/9/2020:
http://www.ceredigion.gov.uk/media/7973/ccc-gold-command-decision-log_-march-september-2020.pdf
- (e) Decision log – 1/10/2020 to 30/11/2020:
<http://www.ceredigion.gov.uk/media/8318/decision-log-of-gold-command-decisions-between1102020-and-30112020.pdf>
- (f) Decision log – 3/12/2020 to 26/02/2021
<https://www.ceredigion.gov.uk/media/8990/record-of-gold-command-decisions-1122020-2622021.pdf>

Has an Integrated Impact

Assessment been completed? No

If, not, please state why

Summary: *This report is provided on for information purposes and does not represent a change in policy or strategy.*

WELLBEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS:

Long term:

The Decisions Log is a record of decisions made by Gold Command with the aim of balancing short term need with long term planning for the future in light of the pandemic

Integration:

The Decisions Log is a record of decisions made by Gold Command with the aim of a positive impact on people, economy, environment and culture and trying to benefit all three in light of the pandemic

Collaboration:

The Decisions Log refers to decisions made by Gold Command working together with other partners to delivery

Involvement:

The Decisions Log refers to decisions involving those with an interest and seeking their views, and incorporating stakeholder engagement and consultative approaches

Prevention:

The Decisions Log refers to decisions made by Gold Command whereby resources are used to prevent or manage problems due to the ongoing pandemic.

RECOMMENDATION(S): To note the contents of the Report and the contents of the Gold Command Covid-19 Leadership Group Meetings per the enclosed Decision Log (**Appendices 1 and 2**).

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION (S): Monitoring of the governance of the Councils adapting decision-making arrangements

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Date of Report: 19.05.2021
Acronyms: N/A
Appendices: **Appendix 1** – Gold Command Decision Log (decisions between 1st December 2020 and 26th February 2021)
Appendix 2 – Gold Command Decision Log (decisions between 2nd March 2021 and 29th April 2021)

Appendix 1

Gold Command Decision Log – Decisions made in meetings held between 3 December 2020 and 26 February 2021		
154	03.12.20	<p>That it should be urgently proposed to Hywel Dda Health Board to move the mobile testing unit from Cardigan back to Aberystwyth, due to the increased cases in the area over recent days and the fact that the interventions put in place in Cardigan at the beginning of last week have had a positive impact.</p> <p>That an on-call system for Personal Protection Equipment ('PPE') requests is to be used during the Christmas holidays utilising the Eastern Daylight Time out-of-hours phone number.</p> <p>To refuse a request to carry out the filming at Borth, in line and consistent with Gold Command position regarding filming requests at schools and the concerns regarding infection rates in Aberystwyth increasing.</p> <p>To approve the use of the Mobility Car on the understanding that Canolfan Padarn itself was not being used for any activities.</p> <p>To allow external contractors to deliver new equipment and provide maintenance on existing printing equipment.</p> <p>Not to re-start the drop-in centre for Information Communications Technology ('ICT') support at the County Hall in Aberaeron at this time.</p> <p>To re-start the Click and Collect service at Cardigan Library and Mobile Library service in South Ceredigion if Gold Command agree to reopen schools in Cardigan from Monday during tomorrow's Gold Command meeting.</p> <p>To support, in principle, the County's inclusion in the Pathway trial in the first instance for Domiciliary Staff and Enablement Workers. The proposal was related to taking part in a project for Asymptomatic testing using self-testing lateral flow kits.</p>

155	04.12.20	<p>That, as the rate per 100k of the population in Cardigan had continued to decrease each day this week, the following could take place from Monday the 7th of December 2020:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 7 Schools in the Cardigan area that closed could reopen; • Dechrau'n Deg/Flying Start Service could reopen; • Businesses in Cardigan Town could reopen; • Coleg Ceredigion campus could reopen; • The Safe Zone in Cardigan will be lifted; • Charging in Car parks will restart; • Cardigan Library Staff will begin work to restart the Click and Collect Service on Tuesday the 8th of December 2020.
		<p>To approve the proposed solution of having the last Prevention and Response Regional Oversight Group of each month as an enhanced meeting with additional membership to provide the function of a Regional Incident Management Team ('IMT'), as required by Welsh Government.</p>
		<p>To take the position that Care Inspectorate Wales should not be invited to the Regional IMT as it contradicts their function as a regulating body.</p>
		<p>That Porth Cymorth Cynnar, the Council's Wellbeing and Learning Service, can re-start some focussed community support and intervention for Ceredigion's most vulnerable children, young people and families, as per measures laid out within the proposal Paper (Options Paper for re-starting some focussed community support and intervention for Ceredigion's most vulnerable children, young people and families).</p>
		<p>That all Household waste sites did not need to open on Christmas Eve.</p>
156	08.12.20	<p>That the Contact Tracing Team will not be reviewing the positive Covid-19 cases retrospectively, as a result of the change in self-isolating regulations and that the Contract Tracing Team will use 10 days rather than 14 days from the date it is implemented nationally.</p>
		<p>That front facing, Red Zone Staff should not be utilised for voluntary roles within the vaccination centres. It was considered that there were safety concerns and that the Council should protect, as far as possible Children/Elderly or other vulnerable groups.</p>

157	10.12.20	That now was not an appropriate time for Croeso Teifi (resettling Syrian families in Cardigan) to begin arrangements to bring another refugee family to Cardigan, given the scale of the Covid-19 pandemic and associated issues with the Home Office decision to house a significant number of refugees in Penally, Pembrokeshire.
158	11.12.20	To accept responsibility to administer the Restrictions Business Fund Non Domestic Rates Grant on behalf of Welsh Government and follow the terms and conditions set out in the guidance documents.
		That the Council would not be in a position to allow Hywel Dda Health Board to use Canolfan Padarn as a training centre for Health Care support Staff due to that fact that Service Users are using a part of the Site.
		That Christmas Day ICT cover is required due to Track & Trace Staff working.
		That the proposals for ICT cover over Christmas, as detailed in the Report, were agreed (Report regarding Christmas Holidays ICT support arrangements).
159	15.12.20	To pay Staff at day rate for what they work rather than standby on-call rate.
		Not to endorse the proposal within the Temporary Accommodation paper because the Council should not be encouraging any behaviour that goes against the rules and regulations regarding socialising over the Christmas period.
		That a small group of Council Officers shall work together on an action plan to explore implementing Lateral Flow testing in secondary schools based on results from an initial pilot site, but the caveat is that the devices need to be approved for use by non-medical staff beforehand.
		That all fixed penalty notices and closure notices are communicated by press releases and social media posts while improvement notices are only placed on the Council's Website.

		<p>To take the following decisions pertaining to distance learning in Schools between the 14th and 18th of December 2020:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Council will ensure provision for the children of critical workers between 8.30am-4.00pm at 3 different sites across the County – Ysgol Llwyn yr Eos, Ysgol y Dderi and Canolfan Enfys Teifi, Cardigan; • The Council has defined critical workers where both parents or a single parent work for frontline health services or care services; • The Behaviour and Wellbeing Panel, with input from Social Services, has identified children and young people to be targeted from 15-18th December 2020. These vulnerable pupils will be supported through a range of provision, including daily welfare calls from their schools; • Highly vulnerable pupils e.g. child protection register can attend the childcare hub following a request from social services; and • Pupils in receipt of free school meals will receive a voucher/BACS payment as per usual method.
		<p>The approval of the proposal to add 149 days to renewals for 3 year and 5 year premises licence renewals for marriages and civil partnerships.</p>
160	17.12.20	<p>That the Council would continue to provide European Financial Stabilisation Mechanism payments for this current period even though Welsh Government will not be supporting the payments.</p> <p>To keep the orders in place going into the New Year, to not close the roads in Aberystwyth, Cardigan and New Quay and to keep the arrangements as they are in Abersaeron. To be reviewed again in January 2021.</p> <p>To accept the Welsh Government funding scheme for Care Home Visiting Pods.</p> <p>To refuse the request from the RNLI to use Pwll Cam in Abersaeron Harbour for a training event in January 2021 mainly due to the type of event, the numbers involved and the potential that it could attract a large crowd.</p> <p>To participate in the Stock Watch System and share stock in /stock out data, as requested (request by Public Health Wales (Stock Watch System) is a Wales-wide system that records the number of different PPE stocks each organisation holds (those that are on the system).</p>

161		<p>To approve the proposed Economy & Regeneration Service adjustments for entering (Covid-19) Alert Level 4.</p>
18.12.20		<p>To continue works at all construction sites through Alert Level 4, except the Arriva demolition site.</p>
	<p>To remind Contractors that they must work strictly to the risk measures included in their Risk Assessment Method Statements ('RAMs') or the relevant site will be closed during Alert Level 4. If they are found not to be complying, any culpability for the cessation of work at the site will rest with them.</p>	
	<p>That the Library Click & Collect service shall remain closed during Alert Level 4 lockdown.</p>	
	<p>To support the continuance of the Registrar service in Canolfan Rheidol on a 2 + 1 (on ceremony days or in County Hall) basis.</p>	
	<p>To agree the following proposals regarding Alert Level 4 lockdown adjustments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post Room & ICT each have 4 members of staff in Canolfan Rheidol; and • Clic & Archive/Information Management Service to continue to work from home. 	
162	21.12.20	<p>That Household waste sites should remain open after the Christmas Holidays as usual with the same arrangements in place and clear messaging that it is for essential use only.</p>
<p>To close the libraries including the click and collect and mobile service, and review in the new year.</p>		
<p>To continue to charge for car parking during Alert Level 4 lockdown using the cashless payment systems.</p>		
<p>That only due to Covid-19 related pressures, high level budget headlines will be provided to Council for next year's budget and that shortfalls will be assigned to Leadership Group for collective discussion.</p>		
163	22.12.20	<p>To approve a request for setting up of the Excess Deaths Silver Command Group in the New Year to start preliminary planning.</p>
<p>That both the 'Stay at Home Save Lives' and the 'Look after your Bubble' banners should be displayed across the County during the Christmas period and Alert Level 4 lockdown.</p>		
<p>To keep reposting the social media message regarding concerns over the infection rates in Aberystwyth over the Christmas period.</p>		

164	24.12.20	Not applicable.
165	04.01.21	To endorse the decision that Year 11-13 pupils would not return to school on the 6th January 2021, meaning all school years in Ceredigion will undertake distance learning during the first week of term.
166	05.01.21	<p>To agree the proposed school arrangements that distance learning will be provided until the 18th of January 2021 in the first instance, but that vulnerable pupils and children of critical workers who meet the agreed criteria can attend school during this period.</p> <p>That the criteria for a critical/key worker to access childcare provision at schools will be set at one parent/carer being a critical worker in the health, care, police or emergency services.</p> <p>That the criteria for vulnerable pupils to access school will prioritise pupils on the Child Protection Register and pupils where a Looked After Child placement is in danger of breaking down. Other pupils, such as pupils with Care and Support Plans, may be invited to attend school for 2 days a week initially.</p> <p>That all school Staff who provide care to vulnerable children should be nominated for the Category 1 vaccination list being prepared by the CLO – Porth Gofal for the Health Board.</p> <p>That if teaching Staff are working from their home environment while providing distance learning that those lessons should be recorded for safeguarding purposes while when teaching from a school setting virtually lessons don't need to be recorded.</p> <p>That the S.49 (Local Government Act 1988) relief can be awarded to a property for the lockdown period as laid out in the S.49 application attached.</p>

		To defer the decision regarding Library Staff access to Aberystwyth Library and Glanyrafon. The request is to be re-presented in the first week of February when they will be in a better position to assess the risk and impact of new Covid-19 variant.
		That the 4-hour core period in the Flexi Scheme could be relaxed temporarily due to the fact that children are not currently attending schools. It was agreed that the 6am – 9pm Flexi hours would be retained.
167	07.01.21	<p>That the Brexit & Civil Contingencies Officer was to attend the Local Resilience Forum resource group initially to assess if a dedicated HR representative was appropriate.</p> <p>To accept the mutual aid offer of the use of Nant y Ci mortuary facility in Carmarthenshire, if required.</p>
168	08.01.21	To light the Castle and the Bandstand in Aberystwyth purple to commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day on the 27th of January 2021.
169	12.01.21	<p>To approve a well-being/doorstep visit to a family, as detailed in the Report.</p> <p>To the partial closure of the car park at Plascrug Leisure Centre for public use and to transfer responsibility for the management to Hywel Dda Health Board until further notice.</p> <p>That the Public Rights of Way/Cycle Path that runs in front of Plascrug Leisure Centre should be closed whilst the Field Hospital is in operation.</p> <p>To agree to the proposed method of providing Lateral Flow Device ('LFD') testing for the Enablement Team.</p>
170	14.01.21	That the Mobile Testing Unit shall remain located at Penmorfa, Aberaeron for the next two weeks.

		<p>That:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The original decision made at meeting 141 (03.11.2020), as amended, regarding Child Performance Licences, has expired; 2. All applications to be determined on their merits;. 3. Gold Command shall determine child performance licences applications through a COVID-19 lens to protect public health; 4. The Legal Service is to asses each application to ensure it is compliant with legislative requirements; and 5. The Schools Service shall provide a statement as to the effect of a licence on a Child's education.
		That Development Management site visits cannot be re-commenced until Alert Level 4 restrictions are lifted.
		To reject the proposal for Staff to physically undertake the Homelessness, Temporary Accommodation Phase 2 site visit to liaise with contractors and agents. The Team is to explore innovative and creative strategies to achieve the objectives and report back with proposals and further justification if the tasks could not be achieved remotely.
171	15.01.21	To approve the principle and proposed process for online School Counselling Service.
		That additional communications can be released over social media over the weekend regarding the Child Care Hubs.
		To refuse the request from a media company to film in Aberystwyth due to alert level 4 restrictions.
172	19.01.21	<p>To agree with the determination of the front line, Staff groups as outlined in the Mass Vaccination Update Report to attend Canolfan Rheidol and included the addition of further, Covid-19 critical Staff groups including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Registrars; o Critical Customer contact Staff e.g. Post room Staff; o Critical ICT Staff; o Facilities services (Covid-19 response specialist services e.g. fogging etc.); and o Highways –Out of Hours Duty Team.
173	21.01.21	To purchase the P3 Face masks and fitting kits as outlined in the PPE Update Report.
		That a decision on the pallet-stacker training will be deferred until after the current lockdown restrictions are lifted.

		To support a decision made by the panel to offer S.49 rate relief (Local Government Act 1988) to a business for the period 01.04.2020 to 31.03.2021, which amounts to £9362.50.
		That the Child Performance Licence Applications is granted, subject to outstanding documentation being provided, and an additional licensing condition. A written undertaking is to be obtained from the children's parents that they will take appropriate isolation measures so as not to compromise the safety of the respective school control groups after the filming schedules. If that necessitated absence from school then that would be considered an unauthorised absence by the Council.
		To agree, in principle, for works to begin on the roof replacement works in Ysgol Bro Sion Cwilt and for further detail to be brought back to Gold Command once contractor is selected prior to commencement of the work.
		That, whilst the County is in Alert Level 4 lockdown, all requests for filming will be refused.
174	22.01.21	No decisions made
175	26.01.21	<p>That, regarding a request by a Councillor to undertake a site visit with new leaseholders to a commercial town centre property in person, the best course of action would be not to meet with the leaseholders in person, in light of the current lockdown restrictions as it did not appear essential. The meeting would be better conducted by remote means. Council Economic and Development Staff would also be available to support the meeting, as required.</p> <p>To support the view not to support the proposed Community Testing Strategy based on the Lateral Flow Testing if discussed at the Regional IMT meeting this Friday.</p>
176	28.01.21	<p>That a communication should be sent to the following external provider groups to explain how they are to contact the Hywel Dda Health Board to arrange a vaccination appointment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Funeral Directors; o External Care Home Staff; o Domiciliary Care providers; o Diverse Cymru (Charity); and o Supported Living/ supported housing providers.

		To provide contractors with access to Ysgol Henry Richard between the 13th of February 2021 and 18th of February 2021 to complete defects and fix roof leaks.
		Having regard to current lockdown restrictions, Gold Command refused the request to undertake the proposed filming. This was consistent with other recent applications and recognised that the current restrictions were also likely to continue.
177	29.01.21	That the Corporate Lead Officer – Porth Ceredigion would represent the authority on the regional group to consider and discuss the LFD testing.
		That construction on the Safe Routes Llanbadarn to Town Centre link via Penweddig School can go ahead, subject to stringent Covid-19 protocols.
		To approve the proposal for the transport of Winter Maintenance staff in 4x4 vehicles to be able to undertake their duties in extreme weather conditions.
		To approve the level of adoption of Lateral Flow testing currently and do not intend to go any further until there is further evidence of their efficacy.
		To suggest item ideas for the BBC Radio 5 Live broadcast that Hywel Dda Health Board are arranging for the 10th of February 2021, as long as it can be done virtually.
		That the best place to locate the video equipment for Staff to give evidence remotely in this case is Penmorfa.
178	02.02.21	That the proposed model to issue Lateral Flow Tests for Peripatetic Catering Staff would not be implemented until Care Home residents and staff and the catering (including peripatetic staff) have all received both vaccinations.
		To defer the decision on reopening the Click and Collect Library service, and whether to offer the digital support service for the census, for two weeks to consider the pandemic status locally and nationally.
		To provide contractors and respective Consultants with access to Cardigan Secondary School between the 8th of February 2021 and the 12th of February 2021 to complete surveys required to deliver the Design and Build Contract providing that all exemptions and procedural elements are in place.

		<p>That Gold Command's position regarding care home visiting has not changed. Alert Level 4 restrictions are still in place and until they are lifted no visiting in Care Homes to take place unless extreme (end of life) circumstances and a risk assessment is in place.</p> <p>That the Council's definition of a 'critical worker' will remain unchanged.</p> <p>That no further work should be undertaken on the rollout of LFD tests for frontline social care staff until a regional plan has been agreed.</p>
179	04.02.21	<p>That the Council will continue applying local discretion for the purposes of identifying Staff for priority group 2 for vaccinations as per current guidance.</p> <p>Agreed that a local surgery can use the Sports Hall at Ysgol Bro Teifi School for a vaccination session on the 6th of February 2021 subject to three conditions:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That a written agreement is in place; 2. That Staff adhere to the Health & Safety advice re bringing their own food & drink; and 3. That all are aware that the Gym is identified as a primary Emergency Rest Centre.
180	05.02.21	<p>That the Well-being/doorstep visits to families who have not responded to Children Missing Education or Home Education enquiries can go ahead as soon as possible.</p> <p>To waive the notice of marriage and civil partnership fees in the circumstances outlined within the proposal in relation to those fees.</p>
181	09.02.21	<p>That All Foundation Phase pupils will be back on site during the week commencing 22nd February 2021, as per the Welsh Government statement.</p> <p>To agree to the rationale that Foundation Phase pupils will be back in small groups for 1 day during the first week is to ensure that they are re-introduced into the school routines (i.e. hygiene) and to their Staff, who will now be wearing masks all day.</p> <p>To note that the Operational Guidance needed to update school Risk Assessments is still unavailable until the 10th of February 2021 and therefore Head Teachers will only have 2 full days to review risk assessments and consult with Teachers Unions and Staff.</p>

		To endorse the Excess Deaths Silver Command Group's decision to stand the group down in light of the excess deaths monitoring data, pending any dramatic escalation.
182	11.02.21	That the testing centre currently located in Aberystwyth's Padarn Surgery site can be relocated to Canolfan Rheidol car park.
		To allow a multi-disciplinary survey practice Group Survey to attend the Aeron Valley School site on the 17th of February 2021 to complete a non-intrusive geophysical survey whilst adhering to the Covid-19 RAMs.
183	12.02.21	To refuse the request for filming from BBC Wales for a recycling feature as it was at variance to the current lockdown controls and did not relate to essential news gathering.
		To refuse permission for drone filming to take place around the Promenade at Aberystwyth as it was not an essential production, and also in consideration of current lock down controls.
184	16.02.21	To phase the return of Foundation Phase pupils as per the steps below: 1. All Foundation Phase pupils should return to site during the week 22-26th of February 2021 in small groups; 2. Week commencing 1st March 2021 Foundation Phase pupils should return in larger groups, with all Foundation Phase pupils back on site by 3rd March 2021; and 3. If the number of Coronavirus cases in Ceredigion were to significantly increase during the week 22-26th February 2021 this proposal would be re-visited.
		To purchase a dedicated space in a newspaper supplement to include a year's review listing instances of the positive support the Council has provided for the local community since the first lockdown a year ago.
		To uphold the decision to refuse permission to carry out drone filming on the Promenade at Aberystwyth on the grounds of consistency regarding lockdown controls and non-essential requirement.
185	19.02.21	That contractors can be allowed to enter Canolfan Rheidol to repair the roof damage during the week of the 22nd of February 2021 as per the Risk Assessments and on-site arrangements.

		<p>That Staff should remain using the Council's in-house solution for reporting LFD test results for the time being and not engage with the National Portal at this stage. The decision should be subject to a review in 3 weeks' time.</p> <p>To agree with the proposals for the gradual roll out of LFD testing and training to the next phase of Social Care Staff. There were safety controls in place and similar process had previously been agreed for earlier phases.</p> <p>That two visits to Theatr Felinfach can go ahead as long as there are no more than two individuals on site during the visits. The individuals will need to be fully kitted out in PPE and the visits should be undertaken as quickly as possible and in accordance with appropriate Risk Assessments.</p> <p>That the Surface Dressing Programme of Activities could be undertaken subject to the control measures that were outlined in the Surface Dressing Programme Report.</p>
186	23.02.21	<p>That an external contractor can provide maintenance on existing photocopier/printing equipment in the Chief Executive corridor, Penmorfa due to the fact that there are no Staff in the office currently.</p> <p>That essential Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment Regulations inspections could take place in Council locations.</p> <p>That the Flying Start minibus can be used to transport two families to and from Cylch Meithrin in Llandysul in accordance with the Risk Assessment and Health & Safety guidance.</p> <p>To grant permission for a student to film in Aberystwyth on the 5th and 6th of March 2021 due to it being for educational purposes.</p>
187		<p>To fully support and endorse the IMT's decision to maintain the 2 testing centres in their current locations.</p> <p>To continue with the Covid-19 Standby Payment arrangements until Alert Level 4 restrictions are eased.</p> <p>That if the situation did not change by the second week of March 2021 that the project to use Yr Enfys Fach (formerly Awel Deg) for a Covid-19 temporary intermediate care facility (step up/step down) should be decommissioned.</p> <p>To endorse the Corporate Lead Officer – Finance & Procurement's recommendation to approve a Charity's Capital Grant Application for funding.</p>

		To agree in principle to the reopening of the Click & Collect Library service following the lifting of the lockdown restrictions by WG from Alert Level 4 to Alert Level 3.
188	26.02.21	To support the consultation response paper and amendments that had been prepared regarding the proposed Changes to the Welsh Permitted Development Rights.
		To endorse the Design Guide for Town Centres.
		To revoke the Finance & Procurement 66 decision (regarding Out of County residential care placements).

Appendix 2

Gold Command Decision Log – Decisions made in meetings held between 2 March 2021 and 29 April 2021		
189	02.03.21	That the proposal to continue with collecting LFD test results from school based Staff is agreed until such time as the Welsh Government system provides the localised or by school results.
		That the re-opening of non-maintained settings shall be through a staggered approach.
		To follow guidance and allow the return of shielding pupils who had supporting letters from their parents and GPs.
		That the approach to provide additional cleaning support to schools using Covid-19 support funding is agreed and that discussions can be had between the service and the schools about future cleaning requirements where shortfalls exist at present.
		To grant the request for 2 technicians to set up outside lighting of Theatr Felinfach as part of a national awareness raising campaign between 5 th and 16 th March 2021.
190	04.03.21	That the Health Board can use the Cardigan Integrated Children's Centre ('ICC') for running a Peri-Natal Mental Health Clinic after the stay at home lockdown restrictions are lifted and in accordance with the risk assessments and arrangements outlined in the report.
		No decisions
191	05.03.21	To fully support and endorse the proposals outlined in the accompanying reports and maps for the reopening of the Town Centre Safe Zones.
		That the in-person manual handling training for new Care Staff could take place subject to a Service Manager in Adult Services signing off on the critical necessity and control measures in place for each case.
		That pupils from Canolfan y Bont can have access to the Astro Turf in Lampeter during breaks and lunch time on the basis that it will need to be strictly limited to these pupils only.
192	09.03.21	To approve the attached proposal for the implementation of Phase 1 of the Care Home visiting subject to all the updated visitor protocols and an amendment to the family letter emphasising the continual phased approach and all Homes have the required facilities in place.
		That an actor could use the University Gym in Aberystwyth between 18 th of March and 3 rd of April due to this being their work place in preparation for a new film.
193	11.03.21	That planning for the delivery of the School Holiday Enrichment Programme during Summer 2021 could commence.

194	12.03.21	<p>That from 17th March 2021, Library Click and Collect service will re-start at Aberaeron, Aberystwyth, Cardigan and Lampeter libraries.</p> <p>That Planning and Building Control Officer site visits can re-commence.</p> <p>To implement a phased approach in Cardigan by widening pavements but not implementing the full Safe Zone for the Easter period.</p> <p>To implement the Safe Zone in New Quay for the Easter period.</p> <p>To maintain the current arrangements in Aberaeron for the Easter period.</p> <p>To implement the Safe Zone in Borth for the Easter period.</p> <p>To implement the Safe Zone in Aberystwyth for the Easter period.</p> <p>To support the Child Performance Licence application for one pupil as long as assurances can be given that all filming is undertaken outdoors.</p> <p>That as of today Gold Command are not in a position to support the Child Performance Licence application for a second pupil on the basis that England are still within Tier 4 lockdown measures and exact filming dates are not known.</p> <p>To grant secondary school pupils' access to Hyfforddiant Ceredigion Training to complete the practical elements of their vocational qualifications.</p> <p>To proceed with arrangements for the return of face to face School Counselling Service</p> <p>That the decision noted at the Gold Command meeting on the 5th of January 2021 pertaining to the Critical Worker Definition for the Child Care Hub provision should be amended to read: 'That the criteria for a critical/key worker to access childcare provision at schools will be set at both parents/carers (or one for single parent/carer) being a critical worker in the health, care, police or emergency services.'</p>
195	16.03.21	<p>That the decision noted at the Gold Command meeting on the 5th of January 2021 pertaining to the Critical Worker Definition for the Child Care Hub provision was correct and did not require amending. The Gold Command decision of 12th March 2021 is to be revoked.</p> <p>That, where possible, school visits for aged 4 new beginner pupils who have additional learning needs should take place virtually, but if in some circumstances they need to take place in the school, they can do during the first week of the Easter holidays (if the Head teacher is agreeable to this arrangement).</p>

		<p>That the Child Performance Lie can be supported for the first pupil (referred to in decision 194 above) due to that fact that the majority of filming will be undertaken outside and the only scene taking place inside will be filmed in a very well-ventilated area.</p> <p>That the Child Performance Licence can be supported for the second pupil referred to in decision 194 above due to the fact that all requests from a compliance perspective have been addressed.</p> <p>That the Institute of Learning and Management ('ILM') Essential Skills Test can take place in Felinfach on the 8th April 2021 while adhering to appropriate use of PPE and Social distancing.</p> <p>To approve the request for TMU staff to undertake MOT Tester Training in Glanyrafon on the 29th April 2021 using a Training instructor from Carmarthen.</p> <p>To proceed with the National Commemorative Campaign next week and light-up the Castle, Library and Band Stand in yellow. Also, to support the National minute silence.</p> <p>That requests for Work experience activities would be rejected while in Covid-19 Alert Levels 4 or 3.</p>
196	18.03.21	<p>That the proposal for DASH Ceredigion (Charity) Targeted Easter activities for children with disabilities is agreed subject to the risk control and safety measures detailed in the attached reports.</p> <p>That, in principle, Staff may attend the First Aid practical courses and to allow places to be booked subject to the matter being brought back to Gold Command for formal approval in April 2021.</p> <p>To undertake an urgent joint Health and Social Care (1 Officer from each Service) visit to a private Nursing Home due to the Safeguarding concerns raised.</p> <p>To meet on the 1st (3pm) and 8th (9am) of April 2021 over the Easter period.</p> <p>That Leadership Group meetings scheduled for 31st March 2021 & 7th April 2021 are to be cancelled.</p> <p>That as of 29th March 2021 Care Home Sit Reps were to be reduced to weekly reporting on Wednesdays. This decision would be subject to additional reporting by exception if circumstances required.</p>
197	19.03.21	<p>That Gold Command is not in a position to support the request from University of Wales Trinity Saint David to allow 'Gem-On' to arrange a football camp on the University Fields in Lampeter on the 29th and 30th of March 2021.</p> <p>To endorse the proposals for the election administration detailed in the report based on the comprehensive control measures that had been described.</p>

		<p>To approve the Community Grant applications in principle subject to all applicants supplying their Risk Assessments, and checks and balances procedures. It will be stated that the projects cannot commence without having first sent these documents for approval.</p>
		<p>To support the decision taken at the Leadership Group meeting on Wednesday to decline the application from The One Show to film on Borth beach.</p>
		<p>To support the decision taken at the Leadership Group meeting on Wednesday to decline the application to film Craith at a location in Penrhyncoch.</p>
		<p>That the traffic management application relating to the filming of Craith in Penrhyncoch would not be granted.</p>
198	23.03.21	<p>To allow the School Nursing Team to enter schools (reception and year 1 in Primary and Year 8 and 9 in Secondary) to undertake the vaccination programme in May and June 2021.</p>
		<p>That the activities aspect of the proposals for the Looked After Children Easter Scheme in the Urdd Campus Llangrannog could continue, on the proviso that alternative transport arrangements are made.</p>
		<p>That the Fostering Service can have access to Penmorfa to pick up the Fostering Files on a day that doesn't conflict with Electoral Services Staff being in the building.</p>
		<p>That the Fostering Files can be taken to Felinfach offices for scanning.</p>
		<p>To refuse a request for permission to undertake filming at Parc Natur Penglais due to the number of people on the filming crew and that they would be travelling from Cardiff.</p>
199	26.03.21	<p>That following the latest Welsh Government announcements the banners to be displayed were -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Keep Ceredigion Safe" (Town Centres) • "Don't Burst your Bubble" • "Consider each Journey Stay Local" • "Welsh Covid Rules Apply"
		<p>That the current Covid-19 Standby payments should continue for the time being and to review the position in a month.</p>
		<p>That at present they were unable to support the Welsh Rugby Union's Pathway to Participation request for use of fields and facilities due to current Covid-19 safety guidelines. They would review the decision in 4 weeks.</p>
		<p>To approve the request for 10 members of Staff to undertake an invigilated All Wales Induction Framework exam at the Felinfach offices.</p>
		<p>To allow the use of the Artificial Turf Pitch ('ATP') at Cardigan Leisure Centre for Supervised curricular activities (the proviso</p>

		<p>being that at all other times the facility was to remain locked and secure).</p> <p>To allow two Leisure Services staff to access the ATP at Cardigan during the school Easter holidays to undertake preparatory work ready for use.</p> <p>To approve for continued in principle support for the Health Board to use Council owned Car parks to locate Mobile Testing Units.</p> <p>To approve the proposal for Education Psychologists to undertake assessments in school with the caveat that they operate under the same safety protocols as the School Counselling Staff and adhered to the controls proposed in the report.</p>
200	01.04.21	<p>To agree to the changes to the Safe Zone proposals for New Quay as set out in the reports presented.</p> <p>To agree to the proposal to defer the commencement of traders zones on Aberystwyth promenade until the 16th April 2021 in the interests of Covid-19 safety.</p> <p>To agree to the proposal to withhold the issuing of licences for Children's rides and activities on Aberystwyth promenade at present due to Covid-19 safety concerns. The matter would be reconsidered by the Silver Command Group in two months.</p> <p>That the Registration Service can restart face to face registration appointments at County Hall, Aberaeron from the 7th April 2021.</p> <p>To allow one member of Staff to work in the Archive to facilitate the on-line requests for information. The service can commence from the 12th April 2021.</p> <p>To agree to the request for a trainer and newly appointed Validation Officer to attend at County Hall over a week to conduct the essential system training subject to the normal PPE and Covid-19 safety measures being observed.</p>
201	08.04.21	<p>To reaffirm the decision made last year regarding Staff receiving paid leave when having to self-isolate following a holiday abroad. If bookings were made prior to information regarding self-isolation requirements being known then paid leave would be allowed, however if Staff were aware of the consequences of having to self-isolate following a holiday before booking unpaid leave must be taken. This would also apply to any holidays which have been postponed from last year to this</p> <p>That Gold Command meetings would be held every Tuesday and Thursday and that the Care Home Sit Reps could be reported every Monday and Wednesday.</p>

	<p>To agree the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) To continue to pay a £50 temporary premium per week per placement for the Council's Adult Social Care placements in Ceredigion in accordance with the Welsh Government's scheme (noting that this is now time limited to 30th June 2021). b) To pay a £50 temporary premium per week per placement to all Out of County Residential Homes for the Council's Adult Social Care placements with effect from 29th June 2020 (noting that this is now time limited to 30th June 2021). c) To continue to pay a £37 temporary premium per week per placement for the Council's Supported Living placements in Ceredigion in accordance with the Welsh Government scheme (noting that this is now time limited to 30th June 2021). d) To pay a £37 temporary premium per week per placement to all Out of County Supported Living Providers for the Council's Adult Social Care placements with effect from 29/06/20 (noting that this is now time limited to 30th June 2021). e) To passport any respective temporary premium funding relating to placements with a Health Board component across to respective Providers providing this is fully funded by the Health Board and in accordance with the Welsh Government, Local Authority and Local Health Board schemes (noting that this is now time limited to 30th June 2021). f) To continue to allow Older Persons Residential Homes, Learning Disability Residential Homes and Supported Living Providers in Ceredigion to claim their actual costs incurred relating to Voids and Exceptional costs arising from COVID-19 in accordance with the Welsh Government scheme (noting that this is now time limited to 30th June 2021). g) To continue to pay a £1 temporary premium per hour for all Domiciled Care providers in accordance with the Welsh Government scheme (noting that this is now time limited to 30th June 2021). h) To provide an updated proposed recommendation to Cabinet alongside reporting of the 2021/22 Fee Setting process in due course: That the starting point for commissioning Out of County Older Persons placements would be a maximum of the agreed In County Older Persons rates unless there is no In County availability (with the exception of placements in Pembrokeshire and Carmarthenshire, where the Council would match the respective Host Local Authority rate), however each case needs to be considered on its own merits on a case by case basis.
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		To grant the filming request on the proviso that negative Covid-19 test results for the crew were supplied to Gold Command prior to commencement of the filming dates and that if arrangements to stay at the local Hotel were made then that would be subject to a satisfactory report from Public Protection staff that the Covid 19 safety measures in place at the hotel were in compliance with current guidance.
202	13.04.21	To approve the adjustment phase towards recovery document for the schools service.
		That a similar template should be used by all services when presenting their proposals for transition towards COVID-19 recovery to Gold Command.
		That the Electric Power Stacker Training can be conducted in the week commencing 3 rd May 2021.
		That the demolition of the Arriva building in Aberystwyth could commence on the 19 th April 2021 due to the current low rates of Covid-19 in Wales.
		That the Training for Highways Operatives as laid out in the report can go ahead.
203	15.04.21	That the adjustment phase towards recovery document for Care Staff Resilience was approved in principle on the understanding that each of the 3 Phases are brought to Gold Command a week prior to implementation for final sign off.
		To agree with the direction of travel the Tourism sub-group had set out in their proposal for Extra resources to support the Local Authority's management of the Visitor Economy in summer 2021 and supported progressing further to apply for Welsh Government funding.
		To agree to the Joint Inter-agency Monitoring Panel's monitoring visit to Abermad Care Home on the proviso that the Covid-19 safety measures detailed in the paper are adhered to.
204	20.04.21	To approve, in principle, the adjustment phase towards recovery document for Day Services, on the understanding that each of the 3 Phases are brought to Gold Command a week prior to implementation for final sign off.
		That the adjustment phase towards recovery document for Porth Cymorth Cynnar was approved in principle on the understanding that each of the 3 Phases are brought to Gold Command a week prior to implementation for final sign off.
		To agree the content of the draft email to Staff for Traveling Abroad to be sent out as part of the weekly Staff email on Friday.
		To agree in principle to the request for a filming related highway licence for Escape to the Country.
		To agree to the applications for Boat Lifts with the stipulation that they must take place Monday to Friday (and not during bank holidays) during usual working hours.

205	22.04.21	<p>That the Re-opening of Community Venues Group can hold a virtual public briefing session on the 28th April 2021.</p> <p>That Phase 1 of the Schools Service Adjustment planning for the transition towards COVID-19 recovery plan, which was agreed in principle at Gold Command last week, can be implemented.</p> <p>To pause the roadworks in Morgan Street, Cardigan, that was scheduled for tomorrow, the other scheduled work can go ahead.</p> <p>To approve, in principle, the adjustment phase towards recovery document for School Counselling, on the understanding that each of the 3 Phases are brought to Gold Command a week prior to implementation for final sign off.</p> <p>That Phase 1 of the Residential Care Staff Resilience Adjustment planning for the transition towards COVID-19 recovery plan, which was agreed in principle at Gold Command this week, can be implemented.</p> <p>That Phase 1 of the Day Services Adjustment planning for the transition towards COVID-19 recovery plan, which was agreed in principle at Gold Command this week, can be implemented.</p> <p>To approve, in principle, the adjustment phase towards recovery document for Respite Service, on the understanding that each of the 3 Phases are brought to Gold Command a week prior to implementation for final sign off.</p> <p>That the action 'To allow Officers from across the wider Through Age and Wellbeing Service to visit for professional input including Social Workers (including Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards) and Quality Assurance checks' could be moved into Phase 1 of the Residential Care Staff Resilience plan on the 3 agreed provisos that the Care Home is in the green category, all at the care home have received the vaccination and any visitor produces a negative LFD test before entering.</p> <p>To agree to the filming request from Cwmni Ennyn Awaken Productions and AMP Media due to the fact that they are local companies and that their requests were not considered high risk.</p>
206	27.04.21	<p>To approve the amendments to the Residential Care Staff Resilience Adjustment planning for the transition towards COVID-19 recovery plan.</p> <p>To approve the amended Phased plan for the introduction of the Safe Zone for Cardigan.</p> <p>To agree to the proposed Finance and Procurement Adjustment planning for the transition towards COVID-19 recovery plan that was agreed in principle at Gold Command last week can be implemented.</p> <p>That Phase 1 of the Porth Cymorth Cynnar Adjustment planning for the transition towards COVID-19 recovery plan that was agreed in principle at Gold Command last week can be implemented.</p>

		<p>To agree to the return of internal visits across all services post 17th May or the date in which we enter Alert level 2.</p> <p>To consider the PPE Hub Feasibility Study options again along with the Stores Operational Manager role paper.</p> <p>That Covid-19 Standby payments for the cohort of Staff under Covid-19 24/7 would be suspended once Alert Level 2 was entered while those under 'Covid-19 Emergency Cover' would not be suspended until Alert Level 1 was entered.</p> <p>To approve the commencement of the Paediatric First Aid training in May/June, as agreed in principle on the 18th March 2021.</p> <p>To endorse the proposal for 1 member of Staff from the theatre and 1 Facilities Management Staff member to physically attend the theatre for the ventilation survey following a virtual teams meeting to discuss.</p> <p>That visits and subsequent works for the Disabled Facility Grant/Adaptations could recommence.</p> <p>To approve the filming request from Craith if the filming was delayed to commence once Alert Level 2 is entered.</p> <p>To approve the proposals from the Urdd for Eisteddfod Ty to take place in Llangrannog and that a licence application should be made through the appropriate process.</p>
207	29.04.21	<p>To approve the proposed 2 site visit to Theatr Felinfach followed by a Teams meeting to discuss the Ventilation Survey.</p> <p>To approve the Adjustment for the transition towards Covid-19 recovery plans for Internal Audit & Governance and Legal Services.</p> <p>To approved the request for filming for the new Additional Learning Needs Strategy on the conditions that filming is undertaken outside and not during school hours.</p> <p>To maintain their position and the decision of last Tuesday that permission would only be granted for filming of Craith to take place in Ceredigion once we had entered Alert Level 2.</p> <p>That the installation of 5 Bike Shelters in agreed locations across the county could take place during the June school half term holidays.</p> <p>That the total number of Staff that are permitted into Canolfan Rheidol could be increased to 17 in total but only to specifically allow up to 5 Registrars to attend together if necessary.</p>