

## Michael Morgan - Report

### 1. Vale Council Emergency Measures

All Vale Council Meetings have been cancelled as a result of the implications of the COVID19 pandemic. The Council is now operating under Emergency Measures.

Emergency measures were put in place by the Cabinet on 23rd March to (i) ensure business continuity within the Council (ii) ensure appropriate governance arrangements are in place and (iii) allow decisions affecting the Council to be made in a timely manner.

Under these emergency measures the Managing Director of The Council Mr Rob Thomas has the delegated power to act in any matter requiring immediate action, after consulting the appropriate Cabinet Member and , in financial commitments, the Leader and the relevant Council Officers . The Managing Director will also endeavour to consult with the relevant Committee Chairmen.

The use of emergency powers is reported back to the Cabinet or Council as appropriate. To assist transparency, all decisions approved under the use of the Managing Director's Emergency Powers will be maintained by and reported by Democratic Services on a fortnightly basis by email to all Members of the Council and made available to the public for inspection on the Vale of Glamorgan Council website.

### 2. Vale Council Communication

The Council has set up a useful update page on its website :

[https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/our\\_council/press\\_and\\_communications/latest\\_news/2020/March/Coronavirus-Updates-2020.aspx](https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/our_council/press_and_communications/latest_news/2020/March/Coronavirus-Updates-2020.aspx)

Recent updates confirm that there are NO changes to waste and recycling collections this Easter. Waste and Recycling should be put out on the usual days .

### 3. Crisis Support Team

For those who are unable to access shopping essentials, obtain crucial medication or are in need of urgent temporary support as a result of Covid-19.

The Vale Council can make sure that people who need it get the help during this period by:

- putting you in touch with community groups in your area;

- connecting you with online support and voluntary organisations;
- providing advice and guidance; and
- providing practical support if needed.

There is a helpline :

- 01446 729592

This line will be staffed from 08:00-17:00, Monday to Friday. Outside of these times calls will be diverted to the emergency out of hours line.

It is splendid to see the way people locally are helping one another and The Vale Council is bringing together voluntary groups and businesses across the Vale to help residents . This initiative is called Vale Heroes and more information can be found here :

<https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/working/Volunteering/Vale-Heroes.aspx>

### **Contact Me**

Although there are no formal Council Meetings I remain in touch with other Councillors and Officers by email and phone and have an online meeting with colleagues this afternoon.

I am of course available to deal with any queries or assist with any local issues that arise . My phone number is 07771-803639 . Email is [mjmorgan@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk](mailto:mjmorgan@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk)

I hope that all of you are keeping safe and well.

With best wishes

Michael