
Report To:	Policy & Resources Executive Sub-Committee	Date:	7 April 2020
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Subject:	COVID-19: Request for Consideration by Councillor C McEleny		

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 Councillor C McEleny has requested that an item be considered by the Policy & Resources Executive Sub-Committee.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 Councillor McEleny wishes to raise for discussion with the Executive Sub-Committee the level of scrutiny by and accountability of Members relative to the operational decisions that have been taken with service impacts.
- 2.2 Councillor McEleny has specified as examples the Council's policy on free school meal provision and the impact of the emergency on waste collection.
- 2.3 The issue that has been raised is of Elected Member scrutiny and democratic accountability during this emergency. It is Councillor McEleny's belief that if policy directives cannot be fulfilled, then it should be for Elected Members to authorise this, not for officials operationally to make decisions that have service impact.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 That the Executive Sub-Committee considers the issues raised by Councillor C McEleny.

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