

# QUESTIONS TO THE EXTRAORDINARY EXECUTIVE 24 SEPTEMBER 2020

## PUBLIC QUESTIONS RECEIVED AFTER DESPATCH OF THE AGENDA

### EP1

Wesley Budd has asked the Executive Member for Health, Wellbeing and Adult Services the following question:

#### Question

I thank the Executive for discussing tonight the possibility of purchasing a limited number of Covid-19 tests. I believe that one figure that has been mooted is that each test could cost around £100. If the kits are purchased, as I hope they will be, will WBC pursue all avenues possible to try to recover all of these costs from the Government?

### EP2

Al Neal has asked the Executive Member for Health, Wellbeing and Adult Services the following question:

#### Question

I welcome the proposals under discussion tonight regarding the purchase of Covid-19 test kits. To be effective in stopping the spread of the virus, selecting those to be tested, carrying out the tests and communicating the results are time critical tasks

Is WBC confident that it has, or can create rapidly, the capacity to perform these tasks effectively?

### EP3

Mike Smith has asked the Executive Member for Health, Wellbeing and Adult Services the following question:

#### Question

This report accompanying the agenda refers to residents of Wokingham, yet many of our key workers are not Wokingham residents. Will these tests be available for both residents and non-residents who are key-workers in our Borough?

## **MEMBER QUESTIONS RECEIVED AFTER DESPATCH OF THE AGENDA**

### **EM1**

Lindsay Ferris has asked the Executive Member for Health, Wellbeing and Adult Services the following question:

#### **Question**

What criteria/protocol is going to be used to decide who receives a WBC funded test, particularly if there are a number of people/areas who may need such a test?

### **EM2**

Andy Croy has asked the Executive Member for Health, Wellbeing and Adult Services the following question:

#### **Question**

The initial lockdown saw large numbers of people finally recognised as keyworkers.

While NHS and caring staff were clearly always in this category, the lockdown made us realise that shop workers, refuse collection, postal workers and many others were also key workers. The paper is not clear on exactly which key workers (and which schools - maintained schools, fee paying private schools?) will be eligible for testing.

Can the Executive Member outline the range of 'other key workers' and schools for who it is anticipated testing will be made available?