

<b>Title of Report:</b>  <b>Covid 19 Briefings</b>	<b>Officer Presenting: Lead Democratic Services and Improvement Officer</b>  <b>Author: Democratic Services Officer</b>
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## **1 Purpose of Report/Recommendations**

1.1 To update Members on all Covid 19 Briefings held from 22 May 2020 to 20 October 2020.

## **2 Background**

2.1 During this Covid period, briefings are provided for Members to ensure that they are kept fully informed on all matters relating to Covid and the impact on Council services.

2.2 From the start of Covid to 30 April 2020, a number of briefings were held with Members. During this period, Regulations placed restrictions on the operation of the normal governance arrangements; specifically the facility to hold Council meetings wherein decisions were approved, was temporarily not available. Council did however convene virtual meetings wherein all decisions were taken under the delegated authority of the Chief Executive. Members were advised of all these meetings and any associated decisions in a report to Council at the virtual Meeting of Council held on 26 March 2020, Minute Ref. C112/20.

2.3 Following the implementation of the Local Government (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of District Council Meetings) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020, with took effect from 1 May 2020, virtual Council meetings where assigned decision making powers (as those applied to Physical meetings); therefore any decisions relating to Covid could be approved through the standard council governance arrangements.

## **3 Key Issues**

3.1 During the period from 22 May 2020 to 31 October 2020, four Covid briefings were held:

- 1 October 2020 (Appendix 1)
- 2 October 2020 (Appendix 2)
- 8 October 2020 (Appendix 3)
- 20 October 2020 (Appendix 4)

#### **4 Financial, Equality, Legal, HR, Improvement, Rural Needs and other Implications**

4.1 Any Covid related actions which incurred a cost would have been reported to the relevant Committee and endorsed by Council with funding being subsequently allocated.

#### **5 Recommendations**

5.1 To note the update on all Members Covid 19 Briefings held from 22 May 2020 to 20 October 2020.