

public understood that if a condition was not met, that relaxing measures may have to be rowed back. The Scottish Government had received similar plaudits for their high-level plans. The Welsh Government were keen to support a cross-UK approach. They would want to lift restrictions more slowly as 'R' was higher in Wales. However businesses in Wales were increasingly anxious for an end to the lockdown;

- g) guidance on safer working practices had been a joint effort across Whitehall, Trade Unions, business organisations and the devolved administrations. The tourism sector would need four to six weeks' notice to prepare for a lift in restrictions. If there was not a summer season it could lead to hundreds of thousands of job losses;
- h) the Bank of England's recent economic forecasts had been as dire as expected, although in line with previous predictions. GDP was expected to suffer its worst set back in a decade, the housing market was at a standstill, unemployment was at two million and consumption had fallen by a third. However the forecast also suggested that, based on current assumptions on lifting restrictions, there would not be lasting long-term damage to the economy. The banks were more resilient than a decade ago;
- i) a change to the regulations on house moves could support the housing sector, construction and the economy;
- j) it was not sustainable for the current level of economic intervention in the economy to continue. As schemes were withdrawn, the messaging would be carefully managed. It would be compassionate and thoughtful, and individuals and businesses would be able to plan ahead;
- k) those working in sectors like retail and hospitality could not work from home, were often the poorest paid and also the most vulnerable. The measures had a disproportionate impact on vulnerable groups. This would be the subject of upcoming litigation. Next steps in the coronavirus response would need to carefully consider the impact on vulnerable groups to minimise legal risk;
- l) those being shielded had initially been told that the measures were for twelve weeks. They should be given a clear idea about what was going to happen;
- m) making public spaces available was low-risk but high-reward: it was a modest, socially-just change that would make a huge