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All

Could we schedule a quick discussion about this shortly after CCG this morning.

Based on recent experience, the Executive is not working as a decision taking forum when faced with difficult decisions. It also doesn't seem capable of analysing and understanding complex issues (the discussion on Shielding was woeful, partly because DfC had not produced a meaningful paper and also because they were exhausted by that stage).

We need to re-think our approach. For example I think we should identify all the big issues on which decisions are needed and then find a way of getting FM and dFM consensus on these before we go to the Executive. One obvious case is to see if they can agree on a series of tests or principles which will need to apply before any relaxation can begin.

Let's discuss shortly.

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Karen

Thanks for this.

Happy to look at a justice paper and my only reservation is whether there will be actions to emerge but we can definitely do an update- plus then something for the Assembly Committee subsequently.

We need to think about timing for all this - to strike the balance between giving Ministers meaty things to discuss and agree and not overwhelming them given the length of meetings.

My instinct is to see the restrictions and public mood suggestions as part of the project I've suggested we set up on relaxation and to look at it through that lens with papers to meet that need.

The financial strategy paper will be important - we need it to have a policy/strategy underpinning as well as a money one and so we will need to talk to DoF about how to achieve that. I have a few ideas about the sorts of thing it would be good to consider and will try to put them down in a way that is coherent later.

Peter

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Thinking ahead to next week's executive meetings and the week after. Still in crisis management mode and focusing on red risks but conscious that the next review will be on us soon, and the review paper will be back on the agenda on Friday. Also, the meeting with fm and dFM on Tuesday will further expose them to the economic impacts.

Next week has an economy feel, with Mike's paper on Monday and a more strategic discussion on COVID financial planning on weds (as agreed at the last exec). It would be good to balance this with some societal issues next week:

- care homes on Monday (already planned)
- if Peter is content, something on justice related vulnerabilities (domestic violence, vulnerable children and how the civil and family justice system is impacted, scams). Might need an extra line in the strategy to cover criminal and civil justice
- if possible, either late next week or the following Monday, something on mental health
- if health are content, something on restrictions related impacts (very sensitive and needs to fit with the review, so we should discuss this one)
- methodology for measuring compliance, public mood etc (again, needs care and prior discussion before we commission. Must support the review rhythm)

Conscious of how long Friday's meeting was, can we stress to depts the need for as much notice as poss of upcoming papers. And can we ask that papers clearly indicate if they are suitable for noting.

Thanks

Karen

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