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**BRIEFING FOR EXECUTIVE MEETING ON 17 FEBRUARY 2020 - AoB ITEM -
2019 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (Covid-19)**

ISSUE:	Briefing for AoB item – novel coronavirus (2019 nCoV)
TIMING:	Monday 17 February 2020
PRESENTATIONAL ISSUES	Media interest in this issue remains high. Press Office is working closely with PHA on an agreed comms approach and media handling. Press Office will continue to monitor the situation closely. Cleared by Press Office. KM 14/2/20
FOI IMPLICATIONS	Fully disclosable
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	Potential implications in terms of planning & preparation including: equipment costs, consumables and remedial capital works, training/overtime. By way of indication, the Department bid for £55m in 2009 to meet additional expected costs emerging from H1N1 (Swine Flu) in 2009/10. A similar cost (revenue and capital) in responding to COVID- 19 may arise in the reasonable worst case scenario during the mitigation phase.
LEGISLATION IMPLICATIONS	None.
EQUALITY/HUMAN RIGHTS/RURAL NEEDS IMPLICATIONS	None.