

**FROM: HOCS**  
**DATE: 29 MARCH 2020**

**TO: FIRST MINISTER AND DEPUTY FIRST MINISTER**

**COVID 19 –EXECUTIVE STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN**

1. During discussion at recent meetings of the Executive COVID Crisis Management Committee there was an expressed need to develop a single comprehensive strategy, encompassing the work being undertaken by the Department of Health, to manage and support a collective Executive response to the crisis.
2. The development of a model for such a strategy was supported during a recent phonecall with you both.
3. A draft strategy which comprises priorities, actions and metrics is attached for your consideration together with a draft Executive paper should you wish to share this with Executive colleagues before the Executive meeting tomorrow morning.
4. This draft strategy has not yet been shared with other Executive colleagues and the intention would be that the Department of Health strategy would be integrated into the attached draft Executive strategy within the next few days. A letter received from Minister Swann this afternoon indicates that he would be keen to discuss the Executive's overarching strategy at the Executive meeting tomorrow morning.

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**TO: EXECUTIVE COLLEAGUES**

**COVID 19 – EXECUTIVE STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN**

We attach a draft Executive paper and we would be grateful for any comments you may have on the recommendations in the paper by close of play on [date].

It is our intention to bring this to the next Executive meeting on [date].

We are also copying this to the Attorney General and Departmental Solicitor.

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1. At recent meetings of the Executive COVID Crisis Management Committee there was an expressed need to develop a single comprehensive strategy, encompassing the work being undertaken by the Department of Health, to manage and support a collective Executive response to the crisis.
2. A model for this strategy is attached. The Executive had previously agreed priorities and aims. This strategy slims the approach to focus effort even further. It encompasses a series of 3 priority workstreams
  - The health and well-being of our citizens
  - Economic well-being
  - Societal and community well-being
3. The Executive can also now benefit from the legislation which has been passed to tackle COVID 19, and from the regulations which will be made under that legislation which is also reflected in the strategy together with the availability of financial packages, and from the decisions the Executive and Ministers have already put into operation.
4. Communications continues to play a key role, and the Executive will continue to ensure that our citizens have the latest information and most up to date advice.
5. The attached document, into which the Department of Health strategy will need to be integrated, sets an overarching context for a set of metrics which would be updated on a daily basis. The metrics included in the attached are currently a data build in progress and will be further developed within the next few days. Consideration of this issues highlighted through the dashboard, progress on stated priorities and issues escalated from the sitrep via CCG will allow the Executive to focus on priority issues to collectively manage the crisis.

**Recommendation**

6. It is recommended that the Executive agrees the attached strategy as the overarching context for its management and monitoring of the COVID-19 response.

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