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FROM: KAREN PEARSON

DATE: 29 MAY 2020

**TO: PS FIRST MINISTER
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SUBJECT: POINT IN TIME REVIEW OF EXECUTIVE'S COVID -19 STRATEGY

Issue: A point in time review of the Executive's COVID 19 Strategy has been completed. It is proposed that this should be tabled at the next Executive meeting.

Timescale: DESK IMMEDIATE – paper for Executive discussion on Thursday 4th June 2020.

Press Office advice:

FOI Implications: Potentially disclosable

Financial Implications: n/a.

Legislative Implications: None at this stage

Recommendation: That the First Minister and deputy First Minister

- (i) note the attached point in time review of the Executive's COVID 19 Strategy at Annex A;
- (ii) note the attached summary of the point in time review of the Executive COVID 19 Strategy at Annex B and;

- (ii) agree it is circulated to Executive colleagues for discussion at Executive meeting on Thursday 4 June 2020. Cover paper attached at Annex C.

DETAIL

1. The Executive has previously agreed a strategy to oversee its COVID 19 Response.
2. This strategy identified three key priorities:
 - Health and well being of our citizens
 - Our economic well being and preparing to revitalise the economy (in the immediate/short term and the medium to long term)
 - Our societal and community well being
3. All actions taken by the Executive in its response to the pandemic have been aimed at securing best outcomes against these priorities.
4. The strategy is underpinned by a range of actions which are being taken forward across departments. Actions can be both specific to a department or cross cutting across a number of departments.
5. The Executive has received regular updates on the strategy with Actions being updated and amended as necessary to ensure it remains current. The Executive most recently considered the Strategy at its meeting on 18 May 2020. The Strategy has also enabled the Executive to focus on red risk issues each of which had been the subject of a paper and discussion.
6. A 'point in time' review of the strategy has now been carried out to enable the Executive to take a holistic look at the state of play for the response phase. Action owners have reviewed the activities they have undertaken, outlined the impacts and outcomes received and also identified future actions required. A copy of the point in time review report is attached at Annex A, with an accompanying summary. Given the regular updates provided by the Minister of Health at each Executive meeting, input from the Department of Health has not been included in this review.

7. To date, the majority of the Actions have dealt with the initial response to COVID 19. Actions were aimed at dealing with the initial challenges, however as we progress through the pandemic it will be necessary for the Executive to take a strategic approach as to how to emerge from the crisis, and now move through response and into Recovery and Renewal. This will be the focus at the away day on 11 June and you might find it helpful to have taken stock on the response activity before that event

It might also be helpful to Review the Response actions which need to continue, and these are identified in the attached papers.

Recommendation

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