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FROM: FIRST MINISTER AND DEPUTY FIRST MINISTER

DATE: 15 JUNE 2020

TO: EXECUTIVE

FINAL EXECUTIVE PAPER: COVID 19: OVERVIEW AND FORWARD LOOK

1. The Executive reached a number of important decisions last week, and there are key papers to be considered today, Monday 15th and on Thursday 18th June.
2. The Executive agreed last week that restrictions issues should be grouped and interdependencies understood. We have set out below how the forthcoming issues intersect.

The immediate crisis phase and moving into Recovery planning: quick overview

3. The immediate crisis response Strategy has been reviewed by the Executive. The Point in Time Review identified actions taken and actions remaining. Officials were asked to think about how the remaining actions could be addressed. The general advice is that these should be incorporated into the Recovery work as appropriate.
4. All Step 1 actions are complete or in hand, with the discussion on home visits to continue. Step 2 actions are under consideration or in some cases have been actioned.
5. Ongoing consideration of Restrictions continues. The steps taken last week have been incorporated into the Regulations and guidance. The Department of Health will undertake a formal review of the Regulations by 18 June.

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6. It is considered timely to review the overall structure of the Regulations now that easements have been made on a number of issues. DoH officials are engaging with the Departmental Solicitor's Office and advice will be submitted to the Executive.
7. Public messaging has moved to Stay Safe, Save Lives, and Work Safe, Save Lives. Outdoor billboards and overhead signs on main roads are carrying the new messaging.
8. The Executive's Recovery meeting is being reorganised for as soon as possible.

Social distancing

9. By way of update:
 - UKG has announced a formal review of the 2 metre guidance, to report by 4 July. The outcome is relevant to tourism and hospitality, to economic recovery and production lines. Our officials are engaging on a four nations basis and will keep the Executive up to date; and
 - On face coverings, officials have formed a cross Departmental working group which will meet later this week, and advice will follow thereafter.

Strategic Planning

10. The Executive commissioned an indicative timeline and officials are working on this on a cross Departmental basis. The aim is to have a first paper on this for Thursday's meeting if possible.
11. Officials across Departments are also working on step 2 leisure and culture issues and future opening of sites of interest to our residents and visitors. Officials will prepare a cross cutting paper on these issues to test out the indicative timeline approach, and to enable the Executive to see the positive impacts for residents and tourists on a timeframe. Local Government

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and PSNI are represented on this group and officials are mindful of the planning needed across all sectors for the re-opening of the night time economy.

12. Cross Departmental working also continues on guidance materials, to ensure that interdependencies are understood and inconsistencies avoided. Local Government and PSNI have seats on this group.

Interdependencies

13. A number of key issues will come to the Executive this week, with many important interdependencies:
 - **Tourism and hospitality.** We will consider at our meeting today a proposal to bring forward the dates on which these sectors may open if they are ready to do so;
 - **Childcare.** We will have an initial discussion today with a proposal to discuss further on Thursday, recognising the progress which has been made by DoH and DE. This is relevant to the opening up of retail, and to future tourism and hospitality;
 - **Family, friends and support networks.** The Executive had a fulsome discussion last week, and we agreed to enable a single occupancy household to form a bubble with one other household. We also agreed to have a further discussion on other steps which can be taken. This discussion will be scheduled into Executive business;
 - The indicative timeline will be tabled for Thursday if possible;
 - A paper on culture and leisure will be tabled for Thursday alongside the indicative timeline if possible;
 - DoH will bring forward advice on Thursday on the formal review of Regulations;
 - DoH will bring forward advice on the overall structure of the Regulations now that a number of easements have been made; and
 - Other Ministers may have papers for discussion later this week.

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Recommendation

14. The Executive is invited to note:

- (a) the above overview; and
- (b) the sequencing of papers this week.

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