

- 1.8 *Work was continuing to develop a vaccine and one may be available sometime in the Autumn, but it was anticipated there would be a limited supply.*
- 1.9 There was some headroom for further controlled easing in addition to preparing for schools to reopen but there was a need to be mindful of what was happening elsewhere in the UK. The increase of cases in England was cause for concern. In addition, there was a need to monitor cases in Northern Ireland and Scotland, where the daily increase was more than in Wales. The increase in cases in Northern Ireland had been linked to food processing plants, whereas, the additional cases in Scotland were linked to the hospitality industry.

Item 2: Three week review of Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) Regulations – review of lockdown restrictions

- 2.1 Cabinet confirmed that from Saturday 22nd August, up to four households, or two extended households, could merge into a larger extended household. In addition, indoor meals for up to 30 people, following a wedding, civil partnership or funeral, would be allowed. This would apply to open premises, and guidance would be in place to set out what conditions would apply, such as social distancing, contact tracing and no dancing. These easements had been signalled the previous week.
- 2.2 *Ministers noted the Chief Medical Officer and the Chief Scientific Adviser had not recommended the proposal to allow any two households to meet indoors, subject to social distancing, and agreed this proposal should not be included in the current easing of restrictions.*
- 2.3 In terms of other weeks within the review period, Cabinet agreed that the four Casino operators in Wales could open from 31st August. Industry guidance was in place and adaptations were needed to ensure that the businesses took into account Welsh specific rules.
- 2.4 It was also recommended that small outdoor events of up to 100 hundred people should be piloted to help consider how larger gatherings might be managed. Three types of events had been identified: an outdoor theatre event organised by Theatr Clwyd; small scale car rallies at Ynys Môn and Pembrey race tracks; and the 'Return to Racing competition at Pembrey organised by Welsh Triathlon. All events would be required to comply with Test, Trace and Protect.
- 2.5 Cabinet agreed with these proposals, *but questioned whether the limit of 100 people included those staffing the events.*

Officials to produce a note on whether the figure of 100 people for the pilot outdoor events would include staff and participants or only spectators.