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Dear Member

Please see today's update, along with other information that is happening in our area.

We will endeavour to send out the next e-newsletter on Friday/Saturday.

Keep well,

Regards

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Summary of Covid-19 related Government announcements 01/09/2020

The Department for Education

- In a press release, Schools and colleges across England will start to welcome back pupils from September 1, with protective measures in place.
- Information for parents and carers about going back to schools, nurseries and colleges in the autumn term has been updated to include face covering guidance. This has also been reflected in Guidance for schools during COVID-19.
- Guidance for providing apprenticeships has been updated to include resources about redundancy and information on the use of face coverings.
- Guidance for FE colleges and providers has been updated to include actions to mitigate risk.
- Guidance for children's social care services has been updated to include provisional guidance on the Adoption and Children Regulations 2020. The update also reflects changes on social distancing and shielding, and reopening of educational settings.

Department for Education / Department of Health and Social Care

- Contingency planning guidance for education settings in local lockdown areas was released, 28 August. The existing Contain Framework now lists all measures before school and college closures by tiers.

- o Tier 1 - Fully open. Face covering requirements.

- o Tier 2 - Rotas in secondary schools and colleges in some areas. Primary schools remain open.

- o Tiers 3 and 4 - Remote learning full time for wider pupil groups. Vulnerable and keyworker children continue to attend.

Department of Health and Social Care

- On August 28, a raft of measures to allow the safe development, and future mass rollout of a COVID-19 vaccine were outlined in a press release.

- Guidance for local authorities and local decision-makers on containing and managing COVID-19 outbreaks has been updated to include education and childcare restriction tiers.

Department for Work and Pensions

- Guidance for people who are employed and cannot work due to COVID-19 has been updated to include when to stay home, and how to claim Statutory Sick Pay.

The Department for Transport

- Cuba was added to England's travel corridor list on August 29.

1) Information Corner

Pavement parking

An all-out ban on pavement parking across England will be considered by ministers under proposals published by the Department for Transport today (31st Aug). The consultation will consider three options, including extending the London ban nationwide. The LGA's transport spokesman, said: "Pavement parking and damaged

pavements are the biggest complaints from pedestrians, and not just in London. We have long called for the ban on pavement parking to be extended to all areas of England, with councils able to make exemptions, so we are pleased government has launched this consultation.”

Parents in England still undecided about return to school

A poll of 5,000 parents by the online agency childcare.co.uk found that 30 per cent were not planning to send their children back to school. It comes as the Department for Education will reintroduce penalties for non-attendance, suspended during the national lockdown, though the Education Secretary, has said they should be used as a “last resort”. The LGA said decisions on when to issue fines should be made locally with headteachers able to take different circumstances into account.

Some schools to phase back pupils’ return to the classroom

A survey by the National Association of Headteachers shows more than 700 schools, or 3 per cent of the total number, will phase students back or use 'transition periods' to reopen.

Tests to be rolled out at schools to see how far children have fallen behind during lockdown

Tests are to be rolled out at schools in England to see how far children have fallen behind during lockdown, the Education Secretary has said. He told the Commons that benchmarking pupils will be “absolutely vital” for informing the Government’s policies over the next year, with Department for Education officials drawing up plans on how schools can test pupils on their knowledge in a “non-burdensome” way.

Test teachers for coronavirus twice a week, says Jeremy Hunt

Teachers should be tested for coronavirus twice a week to give parents confidence that it is safe to send their children back to school, Jeremy Hunt has said. The former Health Secretary, who now chairs the Commons Health and Social Care Committee, backed calls for the UK to adopt the German model of large-scale, rapid testing in schools and elsewhere.

Health leaders warn PM over abolition of Public Health England

Doctors and public health experts have told the Prime Minister that the abolition of Public Health England will damage the fight against obesity, smoking and alcohol misuse. More than 70 health organisations, including the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges, the UK Faculty of Public Health and the Richmond Group of health and care charities, say they are “deeply concerned that the Government’s plans for the reorganisation of health protection in the UK currently pay insufficient attention to the vital health improvement and other wider functions of Public Health England”.

Government urged not to merge English district councils

Merging some district and county councils in England risks "alienating" communities, the District Councils Network has warned. DCN said that proposals from the County Councils Network to replace 213 smaller councils with 25 larger bodies would create "enormous all-purpose authorities" and "dilute the voice of residents".

Tax rises could choke recovery, Sunak told

Tax rises could "choke off" the UK's coronavirus recovery, Chancellor Rishi Sunak has been warned. The intervention from business leaders, economists and Tory MPs comes amid speculation that he is considering a major rise in taxes to repair the fiscal hole in the wake of the pandemic.

UK carbon emissions from electricity hit record low in lockdown – report

Carbon emissions from Britain's electricity system plunged by more than a third during the coronavirus lockdown after renewable energy played its largest ever role helping to keep the lights on, according to a report by Imperial College London.

Price of plastic carrier bags to double to 10p next year

The fee for plastic shopping bags in England will be doubled to 10p and extended to all shops from April 2021, the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs revealed.

Illegal rave organisers 'not above the law' warns Priti Patel

The Home Secretary has warned organisers of illegal raves they are "not above the law" as she reminded them of a new £10,000 fine. Police received dozens of reports of illegal gatherings over the weekend and seized sound systems as new rules came into force.

Patients 'at risk' as councils seek to outsource services, say NHS leaders

Changes to healthcare contracts by local authorities would leave patients facing major disruption, according to NHS leaders. NHS Providers, which represents hospital trusts, and NHS Confederation, which represents health and care organisations, said putting contracts for public health services out to tender during the pandemic creates uncertainty for those working on the frontline. Several councils have reportedly started the retendering process for their community health contracts, which are delivered by many NHS trusts and foundation trusts across England, including public health services such as home visits, school nursing and mental health services. The LGA said extra cost pressures and income losses have exacerbated existing funding shortfalls.

Meals on wheels services ‘no longer provided by half of councils’

Half of councils no longer provide meals on wheels services, according to new figures. Analysis by the Telegraph shows 77 out of 147 councils across the UK do not provide a meals on wheels service, with 400,000 fewer meals now being distributed annually as opposed to five years ago, when nearly three million meals were delivered by councils. From 2015-19, the figures show 45 councils have reduced their provision, with six councils increasing their meals on wheels offer.

Schools ‘to foot £216m bill to keep pupils safe’

Headteachers will have to pay the £216 million cost of making schools safe for pupils to return this week, it is reported. Teachers’ leaders say that England’s 21,622 schools are each spending £10,000 on average to prepare and have called on government to cover the costs, warning that the “short-sighted” decision means schools will be forced to use money from educational budgets. The National Association of Head Teachers has also urged the Government to drop its plan to fine parents if their children do not attend school, which it said would be counterproductive.

Millions of flu jabs could be delayed until December

Millions of flu jabs may not be offered until close to Christmas, despite fears of an NHS winter crisis, it is reported. Ministers have promised “the biggest flu vaccination programme in history” in a bid to ensure the NHS can cope if it is hit by a “double whammy” of flu and coronavirus this winter, but now patients have been told it is likely that they will have to wait until December for the jab, even though the flu season may well start earlier.

Soups and shakes diet to fight diabetes

A diet of soups and shakes will be provided by the NHS for type 2 diabetes patients from today (1st Sept), after studies showed that it reversed the condition in nearly half of cases. The food will be prescribed to 5,000 patients for three months and include “total diet replacement products”, such as specially formulated low-calorie shakes and soups, with the regime restricting them to 800 calories a day.

UK broadband speeds among slowest in Europe, study finds

The UK ranks as one of the slowest countries in Europe for broadband speeds, with a typical household taking more than twice as long to download a movie than the average home in western Europe, according to Cable.co.uk. Britain has dropped 13 places in the annual study ranking the average broadband speeds of 221 countries and territories, placing it 47th fastest in the world.

2) List of Decisions Issued Week Ending 30/08/2020

APPLN. NO: 20/01108/FULH **Ward. Southchurch**
Officer: Oliver Hart
ERECT SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION
130 SHOEBURY ROAD THORPE BAY ESSEX
Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 20/00892/FUL **Ward. Thorpe**
Officer: Scott Davison
DEMOLISH EXISTING BEACH HUT AND ERECT REPLACEMENT BEACH HUT
BEACH HUT 326 THORPE ESPLANADE THORPE BAY
Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 20/00970/FULH **Ward. Thorpe**
Officer: Julie Ramsey
ERECT SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION, ALTER PORCH TO SIDE AND
INSTALL CANOPY TO SIDE AND REAR
91 WYATTS DRIVE THORPE BAY ESSEX
Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 20/01031/FULH **Ward. Thorpe**
Officer: Julie Ramsey
ERECT PART SINGLE/PART TWO STOREY SIDE AND REAR EXTENSIONS
64 PARKANAUR AVENUE THORPE BAY ESSEX
Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 20/01039/CLE **Ward. Thorpe**
Officer: Hayley Thompson
ERECT SINGLE STOREY SIDE EXTENSION (LAWFUL DEVELOPMENT
CERTIFICATE - EXISTING)
15 WARWICK ROAD THORPE BAY ESSEX
Decision: Grant Lawful Dev Certificate (Existing)

APPLN. NO: 20/01040/FULH **Ward. Thorpe**
Officer: Scott Davison
ERECT SINGLE STOREY FRONT/SIDE EXTENSION
395 WOODGRANGE DRIVE SOUTHEND-ON-SEA ESSEX
Decision: Refuse Permission

APPLN. NO: 20/01072/PA3COU

Ward. Thorpe

Officer: Robert Lilburn

CHANGE OF USE FROM RETAIL (CLASS A1) TO RESTAURANT/CAFE (CLASS A3) AND ALTERATIONS TO EXISTING SHOP FRONT (PRIOR APPROVAL)

199 EASTERN ESPLANADE SOUTHEND-ON-SEA ESSEX

Decision: Prior Approval Refused COU

APPLN. NO: 20/01019/FULH

Ward. West Shoebury

Officer: Oliver Hart

ERECT HIPPED TO GABLE ROOF EXTENSION AND DORMER TO REAR TO FORM HABITABLE ACCOMMODATION IN THE ROOFSPACE, ERECT SINGLE STOREY EXTENSIONS TO SIDE AND REAR WITH ROOF LANTERN TO REAR

67 THORPEDENE GARDENS SHOEBURYNESSE SOUTHEND-ON-SEA

Decision: Refuse Permission

APPLN. NO: 20/01067/FULH

Ward. West Shoebury

Officer: Kara Elliott

ERECT SECOND FLOOR BALCONY TO REAR

48 LODWICK SHOEBURYNESSE SOUTHEND-ON-SEA

Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

3) Southend NHW Crime Report - 24th - 30th August 2020

Ward	Southchurch
Reference	42/135793/20
Offence Type	Other criminal damage, other (Under £5,000)
Reported Date	21/08/2020 17:57
Committed From	21/08/2020 15:45
Street Town	Riviera Drive Southend-on-Sea
MO	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS DROPPED A POT OF WALL FILLER ON VICTIMS DRIVE, CAUSING DAMAGE.

Ward	Thorpe
Reference	42/135469/20
Offence Type	Other criminal damage to a vehicle (Under £5,000)
Reported Date	27/08/2020 09:06
Committed From	27/08/2020 01:30
Street Town	Rutland Avenue Southend-on-Sea

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**SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS DAMAGED THE VICTIMS
BLACK ALLIED PROCAB BY SMASHING THE BACK
WINDOW. BY MEANS UNKNOWN.**

Ward

West Shoebury

Reference

42/136282/20

Offence Type

Other criminal damage to a vehicle (Under £5,000)

Reported Date

27/08/2020 14:46

Committed From

25/08/2020 00:00

Street Town

Ness Road Southend-on-Sea

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**SUSPECT UNKNOWN CAUSED DAMAGE
UNSPECIFIED TO VICTIMS FORD KA, COLOUR
SILVER, BY MEANS OF THROWING OBJECTS
UNKNOWN AT IT.**