

WIRRAL'S COVID-19 EXPERIENCE AND UNFORESEEN OPPORTUNITIES

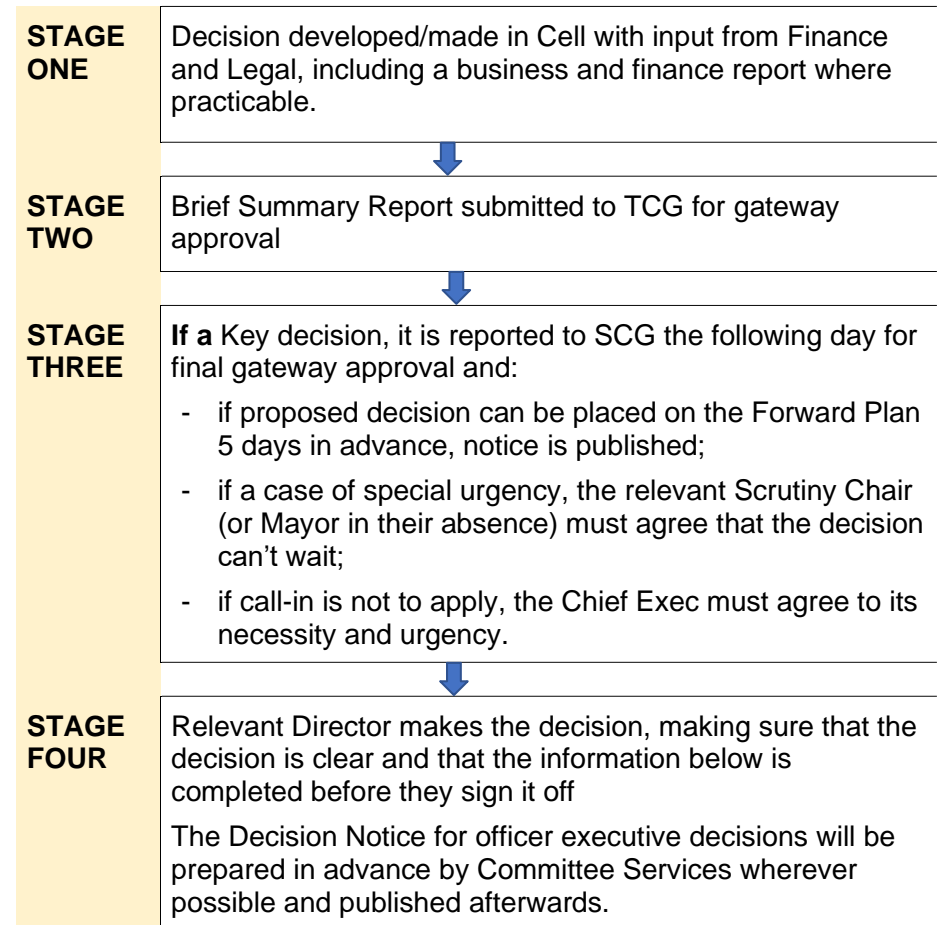
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Environment and Climate Emergency Declaration

- WIRRAL COUNCIL'S DECLARATION OF JULY 2019 – ALL PARTY RESOLUTION**
- DEVELOPMENT OF A CLIMATE EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN IN RESPONSE**
- A TEN YEAR JOURNEY TO NET CARBON NEUTRALITY BY 2030, LOCALLY DETERMINED CONTRIBUTION WIRRAL'S OVERALL TARGETS (COOL WIRRAL CLIMATE STRATEGY).**
- FUNDAMENTAL CHANGES TO WAYS OF OPERATING, COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, PROCUREMENT AND DELIVERING SERVICES.**
- DIFFICULTY IN MAKING TRACTION..... AND THEN LOCKDOWN OCCURRED CHANGING THINGS OVER NIGHT**

Crisis Command and Control Structure

- ❑ COVID 19 governance structure and decision making protocol established.
- ❑ Based on JESIP Emergency Command Structure – Gold, Silver, Tactical Cells.
- ❑ Establishment of a metrics dashboard.
- ❑ Delivery Cell established and one of first to commence decisions affecting assets and services cessation.
- ❑ Services prioritised and suspended.
- ❑ Facilities and buildings closed.



Wirral Council's Coronavirus response so far...



2.77m

Items of PPE issued
Including Masks, Aprons,
Gowns & Hand Sanitiser



14,863

Food Hampers
Delivered to
Wirral Residents



91

Schools remain open
Primary & Secondary



1050

Virtual Fitness Classes
Live streamed as people take
advantage of online services



400%

Working from Home
Increased working
from home



284%

Microsoft Team Meetings
Increased usage from
March to May 2020



152,000

Bins emptied
May average



70%

Reduction in mileage
Mileage from
March to May 2020



97%

Pages printed reduced
in May 2020



£45.9m

Business Grants
Administered to
Local Businesses



277

Funeral Live Streamed
Funeral Live Streamed at
Landican Crematorium



5,057

**Local Welfare
Assistance Applications**
Applications from April to May



1,693

**Supported by
Domiciliary Care
at home**



1,544

**Supported in a
Care Home**



450

**Discharged from hospital
by community services**
Since 30 April to 27 May
(Pathways 1, 2, 3)

Climate Change



Monthly (Last Update 02 June 2020)

↓ 37.6%

-311,917 kWh

Reduced electricity consumption in full billing data for April 2020 compared to April 2019 data



↓ 245.5 tonnes CO2

In reduced emissions from reduced gas and electric usage in full billing data for April 2020 compared to April 2019

May Billing Data Unavailable Until Mid June For All Utilities

↓ 35.8%

-906,805 kWh

Reduced gas consumption in full billing data for April 2020 compared to April 2019 data



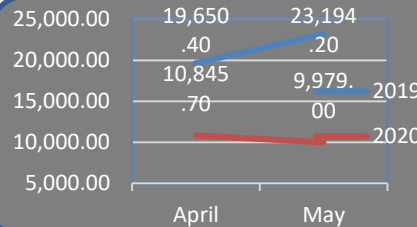
↑ 3.9%

+ 424 Cubic Metres

Increased water consumption in full billing data for April 2020 compared to April 2019 data



284% Increase in Microsoft Teams Meetings Since March 2020



43% Reduction in fuel consumption (litres)



97%

Reduction in pages printed in May 2020 compared to May 2019 data



70%

Reduction in mileage from March to May 2020



Opportunities Not To Be Lost

- ❑ 'The new norm' must be established, however through a blended approach.
- ❑ The Council's portfolio of assets will be reviewed but responsibility for buildings remain.
- ❑ Everyone (including Members) appears to have embraced the virtual world. Therefore communication, training and consultation etc can be delivered virtually.
- ❑ There is an interest in carbon literacy which must be followed through for the workforce.
- ❑ There is now collective support for establishing the Climate Emergency Action Plan this summer.

