

CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

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CABINET MEMBER FOR PROJECT DELIVERY

For the period 27 February to 1 July 2020

1 Progress on Portfolio Matters.

During the lockdown period I had several portfolio meetings assessing the current projects. Progress and discussions have been held between officers in the form of telephone portfolio meetings as well as a few Zoom/ teams meetings, at least weekly.

Projects have been on hold up to recently, but meetings with fellow cabinet members have been very pro-active during the lockdown with members doing a great deal in keeping everyone up to date with the national and regional news and advice as well as delivery of financial and other support to local businesses and other organisations in our community. In addition, the help given to the homeless and other vulnerable people has been outstanding; I say a big thank you from me and many people I know for the help they have delivered.

I am especially saddened that Ian Devereaux has resigned from Cabinet, he has done so much good work and he will be a hard act to follow.

My portfolio;

With regard to housing Corporate Project Officer Dale Gagen with the contractors were ready to get back to work as soon as the restrictions were lifted for construction sites, enabling materials to be secured for continued work.

Since then eleven homes have sales agreed, 3 on Nar Valley, 4 on Dewside and 4 on Caper Place.

The Council has at present 4 Major Applications in for planning.

Assistant Director Matthew Henry has dealt with the outstanding issues on the Enterprise Zone development on the NORA site and it is hoped that work will begin in the autumn. With the assistant Director I am looking forward to projects which are waiting to start as well as watching non council projects

which could benefit the town.

During the lockdown I have been very impressed with the officers' performance where I have been involved whether it has been Project related, IT or Admin. Especially impressed with the on-line meeting support, my thanks to all of them.

2 Forthcoming Activities and Developments.

Continuing Teams and Zoom meetings as they are scheduled.

3 Meetings Attended and Meetings Scheduled

Since the start of Lockdown, I have attended or watched 35 Teams and Zoom meetings - relating to portfolio duties, not including PC meetings most of which I have attended.

Meetings scheduled, as item 2