

APP. 1 DIPTFORD PARISH COUNCIL – 8th December 2020

DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT FROM COUNCILLOR RICHARD HOSKING

1. We emerge from Lockdown at 1-minute past midnight on the morning of Wednesday 2nd December into Tier 2 restrictions. I have forwarded details of the change in restrictions to each Parish. There will be a review on 16th December. The case rate continues to fall in the South Hams, and we are all hoping that this will result in Devon moving into Tier 1.
2. There have been 578 cases of Coronavirus confirmed in Devon in the last week to 6th December. This brings the total confirmed cases in the County to 8,771.
3. Sad to report 23 more Coronavirus deaths in Devon in the week to 27th November.
4. So a reminder that Hands, Face & Space is still the order of the day when you make those essential trips.
5. The first batch of the Pfizer initial vaccine for the 80+ age group is due to be administered on 15th December. GP Surgeries will be arranging appointments.
6. Vaccines will then be rolled out to younger age groups in stages.
7. Pleased to advise that the depression caused by a suspected collapsing culvert is now in the works schedule for 4th to 7th January 2020.
8. We have received notification that Skanska have sold the road maintenance arm of their business. I will report again when we have more detail concerning the purchaser of our Term Maintenance Contract.
9. The Interim Devon Carbon Plan was launched to Devon County Council members this afternoon. A series of online events are planned. The Devon Climate Emergency Response Group will be inviting observations on the plan. Views are sought on the format of the Citizens Assembly which may be obliged to meet virtually, and the questions it will address. An interesting fact that emerges from the study is that electricity generation will need to double, and this would require eight times the current renewable energy generation capacity.
10. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.