

REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2020 TO DATE. FROM ROSEMARY ROWE.

November has been a busy month at the Council as we continue to hold all our meetings via Zoom and Skype. However Skype has now been replaced by Teams so that is something else for us all to learn and how to manage this system. There seems to be no end in sight at present to getting back to some kind of normality .Much will depend on the up take of the vaccination Programme when it gets up and running. Let's hope that as many people as possible take up getting vaccinated to rid us of this deadly virus. The council is particularly disappointed to have been placed in Tier 2 when we came out of the last lock down on wed.2nd Dec. We had the lowest R rate in the country. We need to keep control of what we are meant to do. We all know the rules. Please stick to them as hard as that may be.

Last week, on Wednesday Planning permission was approved for The New Health & Wellbeing Centre to be built at Townstal Nr.The Leisure centre. We look forward to work commencing there in the spring of 2021.

The council has been busy working on the latest round of grants which became available after the latest Lock down on Nov.5th .At the end of last week 2268 businesses had applied for a grant and 1157 had been processed for payment .staff are working 7 days a week to get payments out to the applicants.

Three COVID 19 Compliance Officers have been appointed who will be supporting and educating businesses on the High Street .They will be working with The Police, Environmental Heath team and anyone who requests assistance.

Waste Collections are still having problems. Unfortunately a number of the team tested positive for the Virus and have had to self isolate after one member tested positive. The contacts should be able to return to work on Thursday (10th December) staff have been rescheduled and agency staff have also been employed and 93% of the collections were done last week.

Climate Change Emergency. There is an Interim Devon Carbon Plan Consultation which opens today Mon.7th December and runs for ten weeks. This can be viewed on Devon Climate Emergency Website. Review the interim plan and then indicate to what extent the viewer agrees with each action listed.

Christmas will be very different this year. As long as we ALL abide by the rules for our Tier and stay safe and well that is what matters most.

I hope you all have a pleasant time and that 2021 will see us all returning to some kind of normality.

Take Care. Stay Safe .Stay Local.

Rosemary.