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Good morning,

You are well aware of the efforts we are all making to limit the spread of coronavirus and widespread disruption to daily life, but we are now at a stage at the county council where the national guidance means we need to change how we operate and make priority decisions.

It's important you know about some changes in place that will disrupt services in your communities:

- closing all heritage sites
- stopping large group activities in libraries and children's centres

Parents and carers who need to access advice and support from professionals in children's centres will still be able to do so as usual. We are working with our maternity services and some individual antenatal appointments may now take place at the centres, depending on local need.

- all non-essential Lincs Fire and Rescue events including charity events, recruitment and school and community visits are postponed until further notice.

Local residents can be reassured that Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue are responding to all emergency calls as usual, and putting measures in place to

protect staff such as increased hygiene protection.

Fire and rescue are still providing community advice but limiting direct contact to those most at risk of fire and other emergencies.

Following recent advice and guidance from government, you may be aware that the Lincolnshire Resilience Forum (LRF) has been set up to gather information about community activity across Lincolnshire.

To assist with their efforts we are asking all town and parish councils to register with the LRF any known community co-ordinated action in your area, so that they can support these groups in helping their communities as effectively as possible. You may already have informed the LRF about the groups in your area but if not, or if there are new groups setting up, please let us know. We are keen to ensure that if support is already available, we can signpost rather than duplicate services. To contact the LRF please e mail CEC_CVC@lincoln.fire-uk.org or telephone 01522 787034.

The council continues to work closely with our partners at Public Health England (PHE), both nationally and at a regional level, to monitor the situation, and take action as required to minimise the spread of the virus. You will be well aware of the current guidelines and advice – latest advice is here: www.nhs.uk/coronavirus

Finally, in terms of decision-making, we will be suspending all formal council meetings for the immediate future and establish alternative mechanisms for our decision-making process.

But, as always, those decisions will be fully transparent and publicised, so that members of the public can hold us to account and keep an eye on what we are doing.

Please visit the county council website and social media for updates as they happen www.lincolnshire.gov.uk

Kind regards

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