

Agenda Item 5(b)

Urgent Motion

The Mayor has agreed that that the Council should consider this motion as an urgent item of business in accordance with Section 100B(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972.

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Enquiries and Amendments

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1. Mass Testing for COVID-19 in Milton Keynes

Councillor Walker (23 November 2020)

1. That this Council notes:
 - (a) the recent and rapid increase in infection rates of COVID-19 across Milton Keynes;
 - (b) the rise in the number of hospital admissions and the pressure this places on Milton Keynes University Hospital;
 - (c) the tragic news of eleven recorded deaths in Milton Keynes, reported on 17th November, related to COVID-19; and
 - (d) the following statement issued by the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) in August 2020:

‘Robust testing capacity, prompt isolation of cases and timely and effective contact tracing and quarantine of identified contacts, along with other measures such as social distancing, are currently the main pillars of the COVID-19 public health response.’
 2. That this Council resolves to call on the Leader of the Council to apply for inclusion in the mass testing programme as quickly as possible for the benefit of the people of Milton Keynes in line with advice from the Director of Public Health.
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