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Response to Covid-19 Task and Finish Group Meeting

**When: Monday 6 September
18:30 hrs or on completion of Licensing Sub-Committee if that is later**

**Where: - Milton Keynes Council Chamber – Civic Offices
- Online**

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Membership

Councillor D Hopkins (Chair)

Councillors Cryer-Whitehead, Ferrans, Minns, Reilley and Walker

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AGENDA

1. **Welcome and Introductions**

The Chair to welcome Members, officers, witnesses and the public to the meeting and introduce Members, witnesses and officers who are present.

2. **Apologies**

3. **Disclosures of Interest**

Members to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests, or personal interests (including other pecuniary interests), they may have in the business to be transacted, and officers to disclose any interests they may have in any contract to be considered.

4. **Evidence Gathering**

The Committee will hear from representatives of the voluntary sector about the progress made by the sector in handling the Covid-19 pandemic and what may need to be done in the future, since their previous presentations to the Task and Finish Group in March 2021.

5. **Recommendations Update**

The Committee will also review progress against the recommendations made at its meeting held on 2 March 2021 (**to follow**).

Recordings of the previous meetings of the Task and Finish Group are available on the Council's YouTube Channel at:

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