

COUNCIL

24 JUNE 2020

ITEM NO: 18

TITLE: “COVID-19 Response in Royal Greenwich”

PROPOSING COUNCILLORS: Danny Thorpe, Nigel Fletcher

The Council records with immense gratitude the enormous effort and dedication shown by frontline staff and key workers to cope with the impact of the COVID-19 emergency. On behalf of the people of the Royal Borough, we extend our profound thanks to our local NHS staff, carers and all those working in schools, childcare, transport and other essential sectors, as well as staff and volunteers in local charities and civil society organisations- all of whom have risen to the challenge and put themselves at risk in doing so.

The Council also gives special thanks to all of our own staff and partner organisations for the work they have been doing under immense pressure to maintain vital services at a time of unprecedented challenge.

This has been a time of genuine hardship for many of us, and Council notes the work being undertaken by Public Health England to identify the disparities, risks and outcomes for our black and minority ethnic communities in London. Council commits to working in partnership with London Councils & Public Health England to understand the disproportionate impact Covid19 has had on our staff and key worker residents and what steps we need to take to address this.

We commend all those who have made sacrifices to help keep us safe, signed up as volunteers, acted as good neighbours and supported each other through this crisis.

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