

Coronavirus

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To all towns and parishes within the Sevenoaks and Swanley Constituency.

I am writing to you all today in these unprecedented times. Whilst Coronavirus is a national problem, with national decisions being made, the effects will be felt in our community. Therefore, parish and town councils will play an incredibly important role in the well-being of their communities and I want to thank you for all that you are doing. This note is to set out the roles, responsibilities and help available.

It is important that our response is coordinated. I have been in touch with Peter Fleming and it is clear that the District Council is best placed and better resourced to coordinate the community response. The Council will be in touch with you all with further information and to help you signpost support to residents. They will also co-ordinate with KCC where necessary.

If issues occur which require consideration or action at a national level please let me know, I will feed these back as soon as possible. If the solution is local please look to the District for guidance, advice or assistance.

I have been heartened and impressed by the local community's response as we gear up to the inevitable spread of the virus. No doubt you will already have been in contact with local volunteer and resident groups. Additionally, as many of you may well be aware, a Facebook page has been set up called "Care for our Community - Sevenoaks". If you haven't already, please take a look at this page <https://tinyurl.com/vh92g7c>. Here you will see that there are coordinators by area, and I would suggest (if you haven't already) getting in touch with the relevant coordinator.

As I said at the beginning, for all of us, these are unprecedented times - all of us will be central to helping our community. Please do not hesitate to contact me at any time if I can help you in your area.