PEMBROKESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL: LEADER'S CORONAVIRUS UPDATE, THURSDAY, 7TH MAY

Pembrokeshire County Council Leader, Councillor David Simpson, has provided a further coronavirus update for Thursday, 7th May, as follows:

'Every day we all have regular updates on the current situation and until Government advice changes, we remain in lockdown.

'A Bank Holiday weekend does not mean that we can just go out for no reason or jump in the car for a spin. This weekend is no different to the previous 43 days. We still remain in lockdown.

'I recognise this is difficult and we have all had to make sacrifices but we need to ensure we do not endanger more lives. We do not want to spread the virus by ignoring guidelines.

'Council officers will be out patrolling over the weekend to ensure compliance with the regulations and we will also be liaising with the police.

'As I mentioned earlier this week, I hope you can show a moment of respect by joining in the nation's two-minute silence at 11 am tomorrow (Friday, 8th May) to mark the 75th anniversary of VE Day.

'I want to extend my gratitude to the Authority's officers who continue to work on tackling issues arising from Covid-19 while still maintaining front-line services. The Council is ensuring it can do all it can to safeguard our communities, support our care providers and keep everyone safe.

'However, the general public also has a major role to play. We need your help and assistance - and by "we" I refer not only to the local authority but NHS staff, emergency services and many other key workers. You need to ensure that you act responsibly and adhere to the current guidance.

'You need to stay home; do not undertake non-essential travel; avoid social gatherings and keep your social distancing.

'Pembrokeshire is not open this weekend and now is not the time to visit. Please do not lose patience and stick to the guidelines.

'I wish you all a happy Bank Holiday weekend. My next update will be on Monday.

'The following coronavirus-related press release has been issued since my update yesterday:

· School To Share Digital Experience:

https://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/newsroom/school-to-share-digital-experience-under-lockdown

'Public Health Wales is updating and adding to their resources regularly. Please find all assets here: https://phw.nhs.wales/topics/latest-information-on-novel-coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-resources/

'Also, please keep an eye on our newsroom at: https://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/newsroom

'And to get daily email updates, log onto our website and sign into My Account at:

https://myaccount.pembrokeshire.gov.uk

'Don't risk catching or spreading the virus, why risk it? Remember: Stay Strong, Stay Safe and Stay at Home. Thank you.'

Useful links:

www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/coronavirus

- <u>www.sir-benfro.gov.uk/coronafeirws</u>
- https://phw.nhs.wales/
- <u>lechyd Cyhoeddus Cymru Coronafeirws Newydd (COVID-19) Cyngor hunan-ynysu</u>
- https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/coronavirus-covid-19-list-of-guidance