PEMBROKESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL: LEADER'S CORONAVIRUS UPDATE, MONDAY, 18TH MAY

Pembrokeshire County Council Leader, Councillor David Simpson, has provided a further coronavirus update for Monday, 18th May, as follows:

'Normally on a Monday morning the majority of people all head off to start a fresh new week at work. However, as has been the case for the last few months, today and every other day is very different.

'It has taken us time to adjust to the new way but, as a county, we have learnt to adapt and change to ensure the safety of everyone.

'This morning we announced that we will be re-opening up our Waste and Recycling Centres (WRCs) from next Tuesday (26th May). This decision follows Welsh Government advice.

'Due to the prevailing circumstances, we are not able to re-open and operate as we did before the lockdown. We have to manage our WRCs safely and adhere to social distancing guidance.

'So in order to make use of the centres, you will have to book a slot by contacting the Council. This new booking system will open from 9 am on Wednesday (20th May).

To book a slot contact us via our on-line system at: www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/waste-bookings or, if you are unable to do this, by calling our contact centre on: 01437 764551

'I want to reinforce the message that nobody will be allowed into a centre unless you have prebooked.

'I hope you all appreciate and understand that we need to carefully manage the re-opening of our WRCs. So please be patient and work with us to get this right for everyone.

'While on the subject, I want to thank all the officers that have been involved with planning this important re-opening.'The following coronavirus-related press releases have been issued since my last update on Friday:

· Booking System as Waste and Recycling Centres re-Open:

https://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/newsroom/strict-new-guidelines-and-booking-system-launched-as-pembrokeshire-waste-and-recycling-centres-re-open

· Blue Badges Information:

https://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/newsroom/blue-badges-information

Mental Health Awareness Week:

https://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/newsroom/celebrating-and-promoting-kindness-for-mental-health-awareness-week

· Cabinet's First Remote Meeting:

https://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/newsroom/tribute-to-countys-coronavirus-response-at-first-remote-cabinet-meeting

'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
- www.sir-benfro.gov.uk/coronafeirws
- 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