

The Coronavirus Crisis

Notice of Motion

Motion received in terms of Standing Order No 19 on 4 September 2020, proposed by Councillor Robert Brown, seconded by Councillor Mark McGeever, as follows:-

“South Lanarkshire Council thanks the staff and officers of the Council, frontline NHS and care workers, the Third Sector, numerous volunteers, both organised and individual, and many others in all walks of life, many of whom have gone well beyond the call of duty, for their response to the Coronavirus crisis and the huge challenges it involved.

Council

1. Requests the Chief Executive to convey the gratitude of the Council and its Elected Members on behalf of the citizens of South Lanarkshire to all staff
2. Expresses our condolences to the families of all those who have lost their lives during or as a result of the pandemic
3. Notes that tackling Covid 19 required speedy and flexible action by the Council and its partners and, often, brought new ways of working in many areas
4. Recognises that the crisis brought both challenges and opportunities for the Council and its Resources and instructs the Corporate Management Team to bring forward as soon as practicable a Report on the lessons learned, areas of difficulty and opportunities to inform future strategy
5. Believes that economic recovery based on the potential of green jobs and other sectoral opportunities should be the top priority for the Council, declares its aim that South Lanarkshire should be the top “Economic Recovery” Council in Scotland, and asks Officers to develop suitable strategies to achieve this, making full use of the Council’s current and potential powers
6. Urges the Scottish and United Kingdom Governments to ensure that the cost of meeting the Covid crisis and of supporting local economic recovery resulting from the crisis are fully met by central government”.