

## **Covid-19 Testing**

### **Notice of Motion**

Motion received in terms of Standing Order No 19 on 30 November 2020, proposed by Councillor Joe Fagan, seconded by Councillor Margaret Walker, as follows:-

“Further to the Statement to the Scottish Parliament by the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport on 25 November 2020 on Covid-19 (Roll-out of Testing Programme), the Council notes its concern:

- ◆ That the roll-out of visitor testing to all care homes in Scotland will not be completed until February 2021.
- ◆ That the roll-out of regular testing to the home care workforce, including permanent and visiting staff and personal assistants in a person’s home, covering residential settings, sheltered housing and day care, will not be completed until March 2021.
- ◆ That South Lanarkshire is not included in initial trials for targeted geographic testing.

The Council therefore instructs the Chief Executive to write to the Cabinet Secretary on behalf of the Council, requesting that the Scottish Government take all reasonable steps to accelerate the provision of visitor testing in care homes, the testing of home care workforce and wider community testing in South Lanarkshire.

The Council investigates means of independently accelerating visitor testing in care homes, home care testing and wider community testing, should the Scottish Government be unwilling to do so.

The Council resolves to consult joint trade unions to identify occupational areas where additional testing of key workers may be prioritised.”