

Devon Councillor's JULY REPORT

COVID-19

Devon is 146th out of 150 areas at risk in England. So at present very low risk.

As at 30th June there were now two positive cases per week.

The government has placed responsibility for local Covid-19 outbreaks with upper tier authorities. Devon (DCC) has an advanced

'Local Outbreak Management Plan' LOMP in place, should it be necessary.

ECONOMY.

About 30% of workers in Devon have been furloughed or made redundant, with up to 90% in tourism.

Tourism = 5.5% of Devon's economy and employs 12% of the workforce being about 63000.

DCC Economy (my portfolio) is working hard to restart, regrow and reset the economy with the main sectors being

Tourism, Retail, Construction and Agriculture food & drink.

BROADBAND.

Mobilisation of new CDS Devon and Somerset contract set for early 2021.

There are six lots to tender individually or as a group.

There is plenty of interest with contract completion by December 2024.

BT Gainshare has provided £6Million to date which has allowed an additional two thousand hard to reach properties to be connected. The take up has been 65% as against the national average of 61% which has improved the Gainshare monies.

VARIOUS.

I understand the signs have now been done..?

Alas, yellow lines we are struggling to get news on and not just in Modbury..... perhaps they have been done ?