

21 May 2020

Dear colleagues,

Cardiff's Public Services Board met last week to discuss the city's ongoing response to the Covid-19 emergency, to acknowledge the efforts of key workers across the city and to begin to consider how Cardiff can emerge from lockdown, and ultimately from the crisis, a stronger, fairer, greener city.

Working together, we have achieved an incredible amount since the Covid-19 crisis began earlier this year. The Dragon Heart's Hospital up and running within weeks, hotels repurposed to make sure no-one need sleep on our streets, our city's most vulnerable residents and school children supported in countless ways and a one-team approach to keeping all our communities and public spaces safe. The scale and speed of change has been astonishing.

We agreed that our success in the next phase of this crisis will rely, fundamentally, on this level of partnership working continuing. We will continue to work as one team to provide care to all those who need it, and to support and celebrate those who are providing that support; to create safe streets, district centres and routes to school, work and to the shops, and to put in place the local infrastructure that will help us to stop the spread of the virus here in Cardiff. And, together, we will help restart the economy and city life and lead Cardiff towards recovery.

Though, as we now look towards recovery, with the evidence indicating that in Cardiff we are past the first peak, with infections and fatalities falling, we know that the risk is still high. And so our message in Cardiff remains clear: stay at home, protect the NHS, save lives.

Finally, to all public servants and key workers, on behalf of the Cardiff Public Services Board: thank you once more for your dedication to keeping our essential services running and the people of our city safe.

Yours,

Councillor Huw Thomas

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Chair, Cardiff Public Services Board
and Leader of Cardiff Council

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