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Dear Member

**SELECTION AND MEMBER SERVICES COMMITTEE - WEDNESDAY, 30 SEPTEMBER 2020**

I am now able to enclose the presentation for the following item which was given to the meeting on Wednesday, 30 September 2020 of the Selection and Member Services Committee, that was unavailable when the agenda was printed.

**Agenda Item No**

4 **Council Meetings Update - Presentation by General Counsel (Pages 1 - 8)**

Yours sincerely

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Benjamin Watts  
General Counsel

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ELECTION & MEMBER SERVICES COMMITTEE

# MEETINGS UPDATE

SEPTEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup> 2020

# PRESENTATION OUTCOMES

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01

Provide an introduction and context for the discussion today

02

Update Members on developments since the last meeting

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Update Members on the work that is ongoing and the arrangements in other like authorities

04

Seek Member views regarding future planning

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# AT THE RISK OF STATING THE OBVIOUS....

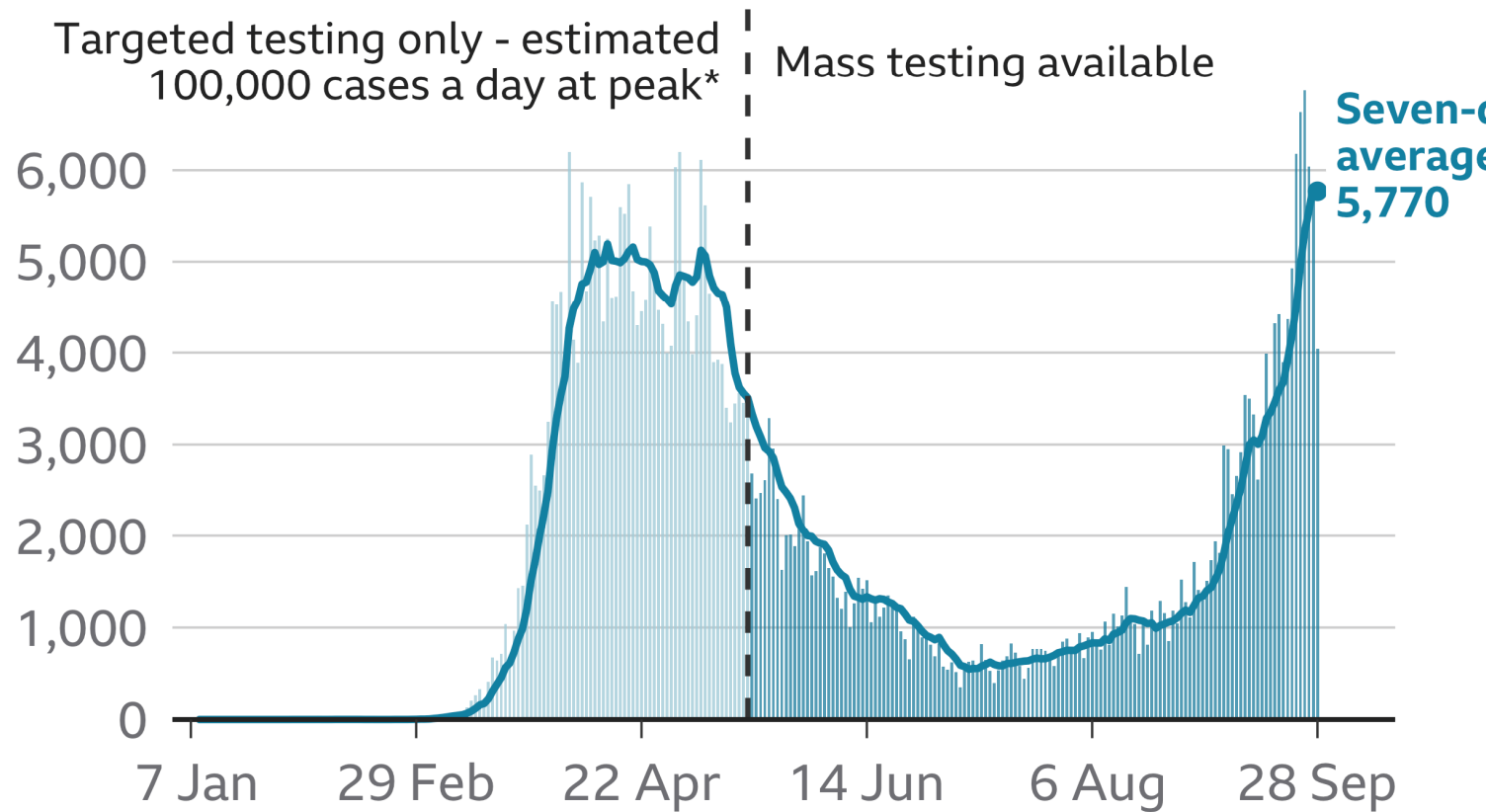
- The operating environment is not currently stable
- We are bound by the statutory and health and safety obligations
- Any future physical meetings (including hybrid) need to comply with of the statutory rules around the conduct of meetings
- There are limited resources (including staffing) and Members need determine what is most important within those resources
- At the current time we are set up to run meetings virtually and resources are directed accordingly to ensure the safe and lawful conduct of meetings.
- Current statutory arrangements for virtual meetings are due to expire in May 2021
- This is not straightforward and there are many different views.

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SINCE THE LAST  
MEETING

- Home to School Transport Appeals
- Risk Assessments at County Hall
- Hybrid Meetings
- Informal Arrangements

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**SINCE THE LAST MEETING**

## Daily confirmed cases remain high



\*estimate by London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine for March peak

Source: Gov.uk dashboard, LSTHM, updated to 28 Sep 09:00 BST

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MEETING

- “If you can work from home you should”
- No relaxation of the regulations
- Virtual Meetings arrangements in place



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FURTHER  
UPDATES

- Other Authorities
- What do we do next....
  - Advice
  - Recommendation
- Elections Impact

# DISCUSSION

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