

## **RUGBY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

### **QUESTION PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 10**

**SPECIAL COUNCIL – 2 FEBRUARY 2021**

#### **QUESTION A**

**Councillor Mrs Allanach to ask the Leader of the Council, Councillor Lowe:**

“This Council receives national Covid data which includes numbers of people infected, number of cases in hospital, the number of deaths and the numbers of people vaccinated in this country overall, all depressing news. The only data shared by this government about the number of vaccinations which given are the overall figures, not local figures. What can this council do to find out the vaccination figures for Rugby?”

**Councillor Lowe, Leader of the Council, to reply as follows:**

“This Council has supported the rollout out of the critical vaccination programme that will in time lead us out of the pandemic.

We have been liaising with Clinical Commission Group colleagues regarding the granularity of the vaccination data so that we can assist with targeted communications and reach out to our communities to support the uptake of the vaccine. The latest data shows that 84.8% of residents aged 80+ have received their first dose of vaccine in Coventry and Warwickshire. This is a tremendous achievement and we congratulate all of our colleagues and volunteers who are working on this programme.

The vaccination data is published on the NHS website and we publish it to our residents using our social media channels. All members are encouraged to follow the council’s corporate social media accounts and share posts on their own profiles, and I thank members who already engage in this way.

Currently the data available does not provide the local level of visibility that we or our NHS colleagues need. It is our understanding that Directors of Public Health will soon receive more detailed data which will be shared with us and provide us with the detail we all wish to see.

It should be noted however that, while clearly good news, the roll out of the vaccines will not immediately lead to any lifting of restrictions. It is vital that we all continue to do everything we can to reduce the transmission of the virus. The vaccine is one tool to do this, but for now staying at home, washing our hands, keeping our distance and wearing face coverings remain the best ways to stop the spread of the virus.”