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Dear Business Leader

New Leadership and what to do if there is a Covid-19 Outbreak at your Business

I would first like to introduce myself as the new Leader of Staffordshire County Council. As you may be aware, Philip Atkins OBE stepped down last week after 11 years in charge, and he will be a tough act to follow.

My new Cabinet, which includes the new Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Economy and Skills, Philip White (no relation), has the drive, innovation and experience in business to continue to support you and our residents through recovery from Covid-19, and also tackle our other big challenges including Brexit and climate change.

While the County Council's Cabinet has changed, our emphasis on supporting business as a priority has not.

Our role as a County Council is to create the right conditions for our economy to grow, for businesses to invest and create more jobs for our people which is the foundation of living a healthy, happy and productive life. Reigniting and renewing the economy, through investment in skills and training, and supporting businesses to adjust to a post Covid-19 world, is central; but we must also inspire and equip current and future generations to learn new skills and increase their potential throughout their lives.

So, whilst my attention is on long-term stability, it is also on continuing to support everyone through the Covid-19 pandemic. Unfortunately, the virus has not gone away, and we must all continue to follow the rules to avoid any future lockdowns.

To this end I am urging all business leaders to help protect their livelihood by knowing what to do if an outbreak happens at their business. For some of you this will be defined when just one confirmed case is reported to you by employees, visitors or NHS Test and Trace. The government has developed a number of **'action cards' or quick-reference guides** outlining

the key steps to help you quickly identify, report and respond to any potential Covid-19 outbreak.

Being involved and taking a proactive approach to report will help to keep your business open, whenever possible, if there is an outbreak and move one step closer to everyone getting back to normal. [Please read the information and download the appropriate action card from the information here](#), thank you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alan White', with a horizontal line underneath.

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