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GODALMING TOWN COUNCIL CONTINUES SUPPORT FOR THE GODALMING & VILLAGES COMMUNITY STORE

Godalming Town Council has confirmed its continuing support for the Godalming & Villages Community Store, which is based at the council-owned Wilfrid Noyce Centre in Crown Court, Godalming. At a recent Policy & Management Committee meeting, Councillors resolved to continue to provide the current level of support and resource to the Godalming & Villages Community Store for a period of at least 2 months from the official end of the Government's Coronavirus Furlough Scheme. The Store, along with St Marks Foodbank helps to provide food security in Godalming and the surrounding villages by supporting households made vulnerable by the pandemic. The store is able to adapt to changing circumstances as they arise and during the recent school holidays the store supplied specially packaged meals for disadvantaged school age children as well as continuing to be a point of referral from a number of Godalming schools.

At the meeting, Councillors discussed the challenge of gauging how long the store is going to be needed and agreed that the Town Council should consider future options for supporting an emergency food service beyond the current pandemic. To support this decision, the Council's Godalming Community Store Working Group will continue to engage with community groups and partner organisations to determine the level of support, if any, required of the Council to enable a sustainable emergency food provision service for the Godalming area in the future.

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