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## NOTICE OF MEETING

<b>Meeting</b>	Hampshire Local Outbreak Engagement Board
<b>Date and Time</b>	Friday, 18th September, 2020 at 3.30 pm
<b>Place</b>	Virtual Teams Meeting - Microsoft Teams
<b>Enquiries to</b>	members.services@hants.gov.uk

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## FILMING AND BROADCAST NOTIFICATION

This meeting is being held remotely and will be recorded and broadcast live via the County Council's website.

## AGENDA

### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive any apologies for absence.

### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

All Members who believe they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in any matter to be considered at the meeting must declare that interest and, having regard to the circumstances described in Part 3 Paragraph 1.5 of the County Council's Members' Code of Conduct, leave the meeting while the matter is discussed, save for exercising any right to speak in accordance with Paragraph 1.6 of the Code. Furthermore all Members with a Non-Pecuniary interest in a matter being considered at the meeting should consider whether such interest should be declared, and having regard to Part 5, Paragraph 2 of the Code, consider whether it is appropriate to leave the meeting while the matter is discussed, save for exercising any right to speak in accordance with the Code.

### 3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Pages 3 - 6)

To confirm the minutes of the previous meeting.

### 4. DEPUTATIONS

To receive any deputations notified under Standing Order 12.

**5. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

To receive any announcements the Chairman may wish to make.

**6. OUTBREAK CONTROL POSITION REPORT (Pages 7 - 10)**

To receive a report from the Director of Public Health on the current situation and up to date data.

**7. ACTIONS OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

To receive a verbal update from the Director of Public Health on actions taken and powers that have been used.

**8. COMMUNICATION ENGAGEMENT UPDATE**

To receive a verbal update on community engagement and messaging, including communication with communities and district councils.

**ABOUT THIS AGENDA:**

**On request, this agenda can be provided in alternative versions (such as large print, Braille or audio) and in alternative languages.**

**ABOUT THIS MEETING:**

**The press and public are welcome to observe the public sessions of the meeting via the webcast.**

# Agenda Item 3

AT A REMOTE MEETING of the Hampshire Local Outbreak Engagement Board  
of HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL held on Friday, 7th August, 2020

Chairman:

\* Councillor Keith Mans

\* Councillor Liz Fairhurst

Councillor Patricia Stallard

\* Councillor Judith Grajewski

Councillor Keith House

## **Invited attendees**

\* Councillor Ken Rhatigan - District and Borough Councils representative

\* Judy Gillow - Hampshire and IOW Partnership of CCGs representative

\* In attendance

## **9. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors Stallard and House.

## **10. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members were mindful that where they believed they had a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in any matter considered at the meeting they must declare that interest at the time of the relevant debate and, having regard to the circumstances described in Part 3, Paragraph 1.5 of the County Council's Members' Code of Conduct, leave the meeting while the matter was discussed, save for exercising any right to speak in accordance with Paragraph 1.6 of the Code. Furthermore Members were mindful that where they believed they had a Non-Pecuniary interest in a matter being considered at the meeting they considered whether such interest should be declared, and having regard to Part 5, Paragraph 2 of the Code, considered whether it was appropriate to leave the meeting whilst the matter was discussed, save for exercising any right to speak in accordance with the Code.

## **11. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 July 2020 were agreed as a correct record.

## **12. DEPUTATIONS**

There were no deputations.

The Chairman invited Councillor Porter to address the Board. Councillor Porter spoke on the importance of ensuring that families not in receipt of free school meals, or families who are isolating, have their food needs met should there be a second outbreak or following end of the furlough scheme. Councillor Porter also spoke regarding equal access to education in the home and the importance of ensuring that children are provided with access to school resources online, the

internet and necessary hardware to access this if it is not available to them in their home environment.

### **13. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman welcomed Councillor Ken Rhatigan, representing District and Borough Councils, and Judy Gillow, representing the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Partnership of Clinical Commissioning Groups to their first Board meeting.

In terms of calling additional urgent meetings outside of the monthly pattern, the Chairman noted that there were existing governance procedures in place which would allow for this if necessary. Given the pace at which the national crisis was moving, the Chairman noted the importance of communication between all stakeholders and ensuring key messages are communicated to the public. The Chairman highlighted that a new County Council webpage – Keeping Hampshire Safe - ([www.hants.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.hants.gov.uk/coronavirus)) had been created with information, resources and links to the Covid-19 dashboard.

The Chairman commented on the current low infection rates within the South East but also noted that the virus remained in circulation. He emphasised the importance of collaborative working to keep Hampshire safe and the key actions that should be undertaken by all, these being:

- Keeping a 2m social distance where possible from those who are not within your household.
- Wearing a face covering when asked to do so.
- Washing hands frequently.
- If you have symptoms, get a Covid-19 test. Tests can be booked via the NHS website – [www.nhs.uk/coronavirus](http://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus) or by calling the NHS testing line dialling 119.

### **14. OUTBREAK CONTROL POSITION REPORT**

The Director of Public Health shared the weekly update with the Board outlining the current position in term of managing the outbreak in Hampshire including data on current infection numbers, the position for care homes and death rates across the county.

In response to Members' questions, it was confirmed that the rate of Covid-19 infections in the Basingstoke and Deane area appeared higher due to the higher testing rates at the beginning of the pandemic which had produced a higher volume of positive tests. The Director confirmed that there was no cause for concern for the Basingstoke and Deane area. The Board noted the importance of having a ratio between the number of tests and the number of identified virus cases.

### **15. ACTIONS OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

The Director of Public Health confirmed that no actions had been undertaken under delegated powers.

The Director provided the Board with an overview of the delegated authority, the ways in which this was provided for under existing and recent legislation and the criteria that must be met to enact these powers. The Board noted that, were any local lockdown arrangements required, be this the closure of a particular place or setting or the lockdown of a wider geographical area, close liaison with the District or Borough Authority would be undertaken by the County Council.

The information provided to the Board regarding the delegated powers was agreed to be attached for reference to the meeting documents and can be accessed here:

<https://democracy.hants.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=738&MId=7196>

## 16. **COMMUNICATION ENGAGEMENT UPDATE**

The Director of Public Health updated the Board on communications and engagement noting that a comprehensive approach was being followed including close collaboration with Local Resilience Forum partners.

There were two strands to the communication approach – reactive response to an incident/outbreak and proactive prevention. The Board heard that weekly communications were being published each with a specific focus such as hand washing or social distancing and that social media, amongst other channels, was playing a key role in delivering these messages. Furthermore, the County Council was working with different sectors of the community, such as schools and Early Years settings, businesses and care homes, to ensure that the up to date, relevant information was being shared on a regular basis.

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## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Report

<b>Committee:</b>	Hampshire Local Outbreak Engagement Board
<b>Date:</b>	18 September 2020
<b>Title:</b>	Outbreak Control Position Report
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Public Health

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#### Purpose of this Report

1. The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the current situation and up-to-date data. Please note that a supplementary appendix containing the latest data will be published shortly before the meeting.
2. Link to the data can be found here:  
<https://documents.hants.gov.uk/corprhantsweb/Covid19/Keep-Hampshire-Safe-Infographic.pdf>

#### Recommendation

3. To note the current data and implications.

**REQUIRED CORPORATE AND LEGAL INFORMATION:**

**Links to the Strategic Plan**

<b>Hampshire maintains strong and sustainable economic growth and prosperity:</b>	Yes
<b>People in Hampshire live safe, healthy and independent lives:</b>	Yes
<b>People in Hampshire enjoy a rich and diverse environment:</b>	Yes
<b>People in Hampshire enjoy being part of strong, inclusive communities:</b>	Yes

**Other Significant Links**

<b>Links to previous Member decisions:</b>	
<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
<b>Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives</b>	
<u>Title</u> <a href="#">COVID-19 Recovery Strategy</a>	<u>Date</u> June 2020

<b>Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents</b>	
<p>The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)</p>	
<u>Document</u>	<u>Location</u>
None	



## **EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT:**

### **1. Equality Duty**

The County Council has a duty under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 ('the Act') to have due regard in the exercise of its functions to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct prohibited by or under the Act with regard to the protected characteristics as set out in section 4 of the Act (age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation);
- Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic within section 149(7) of the Act (age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation) and those who do not share it;
- Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic within section 149(7) of the Act (see above) and persons who do not share it.

Due regard in this context involves having due regard in particular to:

- The need to remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic that are connected to that characteristic;
- Take steps to meet the needs of persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic that are different from the needs of persons who do not share it;
- Encourage persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity in which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

### **2. Equalities Impact Assessment:**

2.1 This paper does not contain any proposals for major service changes which may have an equalities impact other than to improve outcomes and manage the pandemic.

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