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NOTICE OF MEETING

Meeting	Hampshire Local Outbreak Engagement Board
Date and Time	Tuesday, 6th October, 2020 at 2.30 pm
Place	Virtual Teams Meeting - Microsoft Teams
Enquiries to	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 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 Personal Interest in a matter being considered at the meeting should consider, having regard to Part 5, Paragraph 4 of the Code, whether such interest should be declared, and having regard to Part 5, Paragraph 5 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 MEETING of the Hampshire Local Outbreak Engagement Board of
HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL held virtually on Friday, 18th September,
2020

Chairman:

* Councillor Keith Mans

* Councillor Liz Fairhurst

* Councillor Patricia Stallard

* Councillor Judith Grajewski

Councillor Keith House

Co-opted members

Councillor Ken Rhatigan, Judy Gillow and Laura Taylor

17. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Keith House, Barbara Beardwell, and John Coughlan.

18. 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.

19. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 7 August 2020 were agreed as a correct record.

20. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations received.

21. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman welcomed Members and noted that the current stage of the pandemic reflected an increase in positive tests and a small rise in the number of people in hospitals. The actual rate of increase in Hampshire is still below the

national average, though contingency plans will be critical if the rates continue to rise.

22. **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. Testing capacity has been stressed at the moment and while figures have been encouraging in the Southeast, there are some indications to proceed with caution.

In response to questions, Members heard:

The rate of transmission is much slower in the younger population than in older people however due to existing health issues and underlying conditions older people are more likely to be impacted.

Capacity has been a priority in acute hospitals since July with the NHS moving towards recovery and restoration. Measured and well-ordered preparations are in place should a Covid uptake be necessary in the future. Covid-secure testing protocols are in place for discharge from hospitals and into care homes or discharge facilities with bed-based recovery, reablement, and independence. Lab capacity for tests need to increase but positive progress has been made around care homes, though there can be local challenges. Further funding has now been allocated for infection control and reducing staff working in multiple care settings and good compliance.

All excess deaths are included on the graph and NHS is considering Covid-related delays in provision of care (for cancer, heart disease, etc.) and deaths brought forward due to Covid.

Test availability and lab capacity is increasing but not keeping pace with the number of people presenting for tests. Members noted concerns about people requesting tests without symptoms or having been sent long ways for testing. Testing is a priority for only those showing one or more symptoms.

The Hampshire Local Outbreak Engagement Board noted the current data and implications.

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

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

However, the department continues working with colleagues to increase testing capacity and set up local testing units with care home weekly testing prioritized.

Preventative webinars are being shared with universities, schools, and boarding schools, as well as guidance on addressing outbreaks in various settings such

as hotels, factories, and sites of strategic importance. Plans need continual revision based on new guidance.

Closely managing the rule of 6 for any public events remains a priority, especially with organizers and public regarding any events. If the number of cases increase, preparation is in place for actions that need to be taken. Promoting, encouraging, and embedding social distancing throughout town centers and communities alongside district colleagues continues to provide safe places. Non-pharmaceutical events take approximately two weeks to unfold.

Covid Marshalls are not currently in areas of low prevalence but it will be important for them to have behaviour change skill to be an encouraging and enabling force.

24. **COMMUNICATION ENGAGEMENT UPDATE**

The Director of Public Health updated the Board on communications and engagement noting increased capacity for the Communications Team for getting the message out.

In response to questions, Members heard:

Communication with schools continues with teachers helping with younger children and advertisements and information on social media channels and relevant feeds are in place for older young people.

Swift communications are in place in response to the outbreak and proactive commitment to track and trace. Key briefings with stakeholders, press releases, social media messages, flow charts and plans, and social distancing advice continues. Prevention work with young adults are in place using outdoor media such as the sides of buses, as well as intelligent targeting for different ethnic communities using social media. Working with Children's Services continues to support children returning to school and providing reassurances about safe measures at school. Keeping Hampshire Safe brand is consistently used for communications.

Keeping communications open with all businesses regarding safety and protocols continues with the help of district, town, parish councils, liaising with chambers of commerce, business partnerships, trade associations, etc.

Members noted that with this quick moving pandemic, the Local Outbreak Engagement Board will meet as frequently as required for briefing sessions, outside of the planned meetings, in order to react quickly to unexpected changes and provide support as needed.

Chairman,

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HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Report

Committee:	Hampshire Local Outbreak Engagement Board
Date:	6 October 2020
Title:	Outbreak Control Position Report
Report From:	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

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

Other Significant Links

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

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents

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.)

<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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