

AT A MEETING of the Hampshire Local Outbreak Engagement Board of
HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL held at the Castle, Winchester on Tuesday,
12th October, 2021

Chairman:

* Councillor Keith Mans

* Councillor Roz Chadd

Councillor Rob Humby

* Councillor Liz Fairhurst

Councillor Keith House

Also present with the agreement of the Chairman:

Councillor Ken Rhatigan

Laura Taylor

Councillor Fran Carpenter

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors Humby and House.

2. **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.

3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the last meeting were reviewed and agreed

4. **DEPUTATIONS**

No requests to make a deputation had been received.

5. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman had no announcements on this occasion.

6. **OUTBREAK CONTROL POSITION REPORT**

The Board received an update from the Director of Public Health setting out the current position in terms of infection rates and hospitalisations within Hampshire.

Differences between areas of the County and between demographic groups were highlighted and it was noted that the highest rates of infection were amongst younger people. Positive progress on the roll-out of the vaccine was recognised and the Board discussed how information about its roll-out to children over 12 could be promoted.

The position on both symptomatic and asymptomatic testing was set out and the Board discussed the challenge that winter and the usual additional pressures on the health system would bring. It was confirmed that preparations were in place should the government introduce “plan B”.

It was resolved to note the update.

7. ACTIONS OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH

On this occasion the actions of the Director of Public Health were incorporated into the Outbreak Control Position Report.

8. LOCAL OUTBREAK MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Board received and noted the Local Outbreak Management Plan.

9. COMMUNICATION ENGAGEMENT UPDATE

The Board received an update on communication activity relating to the pandemic, in particular the social media campaigns. The difficulty of keeping the messaging fresh was recognised and the Board agreed that the focus should be on the key points in order that people had the information needed to make good choices for the benefit of the whole community. Members discussed the importance of engaging with all demographic groups to achieve a wide spread and it was noted that partners such as the Fire and Rescue Service could assist with this.

It was resolved to note the communications update.

Chairman,