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#### NOTICE OF MEETING

Meeting Hampshire Local Outbreak Engagement Board

**Date and Time** Tuesday, 1st March, 2022 at 2.00 pm

Place Mitchell Room

**Enquiries to** members.services@hants.gov.uk

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#### **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 - 4)

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 POSITION REPORT** (Pages 5 - 8)

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 an update from the Director of Public Health on actions taken and powers that have been used.

## 8. COMMUNICATION ENGAGEMENT UPDATE

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

#### ABOUT THIS AGENDA:

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# Agenda Item 3

AT A MEETING of the Hampshire Local Outbreak Engagement Board of HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL held at the Castle, Winchester on Tuesday, 7th December, 2021

# Chairman: \* Councillor Keith Mans

- \* Councillor Roz Chadd
- \* Councillor Liz Fairhurst

 Councillor Rob Humby Councillor Keith House

Also present with the agreement of the Chairman: Councillor Ken Rhatigan and Laura Taylor

## 10. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor House

#### 11. 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.

## 12. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting on 12 October 2021 were reviewed and agreed

#### 13. **DEPUTATIONS**

No requests to make a deputation had been received

## 14. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman had no announcements on this occasion.

<sup>\*</sup> Present

#### 15. 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. It was noted that there was a direct correlation between vaccine uptake, infection rates and serious health outcomes. This meant that younger age groups were currently more severely impacted, however eligibility for boosters had been extended and vaccine promotion was proving successful. The Board discussed ways in which the vaccine would be promoted to school age children, as well as changing policies regarding the appropriate gap between vaccines and the significance of virus transmissibility and severity.

It was resolved to note the update.

## 16. 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.

#### 17. COMMUNICATION ENGAGEMENT UPDATE

The Board received an update on communication activity relating to the pandemic, noting how this had been related to recent cultural events and continued to revolve to keep fresh and maintain engagement. Messaging relating to vaccines and pregnancy was discussed as was the response to the Omicron variant. It was recognised that upcoming priorities centred on vaccine boosters and testing for Christmas social events.

It was resolved to note the communications update.

Chairman,	

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

## Report

Committee:	Hampshire Local Outbreak Engagement Board
Date:	1 March 2022
Title:	Outbreak Control Position Report
Report From:	Director of Public Health

**Contact name:** Simon Bryant

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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:

<u>Hampshire COVID-19 data | Health and social care | Hampshire County Council (hants.gov.uk)</u>

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

**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>	<u>Date</u>			
COVID-19 Recovery Strategy	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.)

None	
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 disproportionally 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.

