

AT A MEETING of the Hampshire Local Outbreak Engagement Board of
HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL held remotely on Tuesday, 14th July, 2020

Chairman:

* Councillor Keith Mans

* Councillor Liz Fairhurst

* Councillor Patricia Stallard

* Councillor Judith Grajewski

* In attendance

Invited Attendees:

Councillor Keith House

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

All Members were present and no apologies were noted

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. DEPUTATIONS

No deputation requests were received for the meeting.

4. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman welcomed Members to the first meeting of the Board and acknowledged the work of officers in facilitating its establishment. He noted that the Board would act as a conduit between the outbreak control plan and the public.

5. LOCAL OUTBREAK CONTROL BOARD ATTENDEES

<The Chairman brought this item forward on the agenda>

The Board considered the invitation of additional attendees in accordance with the Terms of Reference.

Councillor Keith House was welcomed to the meeting as the opposition Group Leader.

The Chairman confirmed that Councillor Ken Rhatigan from Basingstoke and Dean Borough Council would represent the Hampshire District and Borough Councils and be invited to future meetings. It was furthermore confirmed that arrangements would be made for a non-executive representative of the Hampshire CCG's to be nominated.

6. LOCAL OUTBREAK CONTROL PLAN

The Local Outbreak Engagement Board received and noted the Local Outbreak Control Plan, which had been published by the deadline of 1 July 2020.

7. DATA SHARING PROTOCOLS

<The Chairman brought this item forward on the agenda>

The Local Outbreak Engagement Board considered the report of the Director of Public Health regarding information flows and data sharing arrangements.

In introducing the report, the data available regarding reported symptoms, deaths and outbreaks was highlighted. The relationship between cases and settings was outlined and the difference between incidents and outbreaks was clarified.

The Board agreed to note the content of the report and the data sources.

8. CURRENT SITUATION UPDATE

The Local Outbreak Engagement Board received a verbal update from the Director of Public Health on the current situation in Hampshire in the context of the Data Sharing Protocols report received previously.

Details were provided of the current number of cases, the number of new cases, the number cases per 100/1000 people and the comparison with neighbouring areas and with Leicester, which was experiencing a serious outbreak. Further data was provided on the numbers of daily tests versus the number of positive outcomes. It was noted that the rate of calls to 111 was monitored closely as an early warning indicator and that this had fallen recently. The number of deaths in Hampshire was also reducing and there had only been one outbreak in the past seven days.

Members welcomed the update and discussed ways in which the data could usefully be presented and shared with partners. The importance of being able to provide details of confirmed cases to manage outbreaks was emphasised. The risk of positive data encouraging complacency was noted and that it remained important to promote good hygiene.

It was agreed that detailed data should regularly be formally presented to the Board and that Board meetings should be scheduled approximately monthly.

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