

## **Health and Wellbeing Board**

**20 July 2021**

### **Establishment of Health and Wellbeing Board Sub-Committee - Local Outbreak Engagement Board**

#### **1. Purpose**

To establish and review the remit and membership of the Local Outbreak Engagement Board, which is a sub-committee of the Board.

#### **2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 That the Local Outbreak Engagement Board be established until the first meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board in the 2022/23 municipal year;
- 2.2 That, subject to any comments Board Members may wish to make, the remit and membership of the Local Outbreak Engagement Board be confirmed as set out in Appendix 1.
- 2.2 The remit and membership of the Board be reviewed at the first meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board in the 2022/23 municipal year.

#### **3. Report detail**

- 3.1 At its meeting on 23 June 2020 the Board established a sub-committee, known as the Local Outbreak Engagement Board (LOEB), whose purpose was to provide political ownership and public facing engagement and communications around the outbreak response. Appendix 1 contains the terms of reference and membership as approved on 23 June 2020.
- 3.2 The Board has met 11 times since it was established and is one of the most watched meetings on the Councils YouTube Channel. The content of its meetings are also regularly reported in the local media.
- 3.3 One minor amendment is suggested to the terms of reference around membership. The existing terms of reference state that 'Shadow Portfolio holder for Health and Wellbeing' will be a member of the LOEB. In practice this role has been undertaken by Health and Wellbeing Board elected Member not from the controlling administration. Therefore it is suggested to make this amendment to recognise this practice.

#### **4. Implications for Joint Working arrangements:**

- 4.1 The Board has been well attended and represented by all partners during the course of the year. Staffing resources are required to draft reports and attend meetings from all partners.

##### ***Financial implications:***

- 4.2 There are no financial considerations arising from this report.

##### ***Legal implications:***

- 4.3 The sub-committee is subject to the various statutory legal requirements within which local authority meetings operate including the requirement for meetings to be open to public view, unless there are matters of a confidential nature which are specified in the Local Government (Access to Information Act) 1985.
- 4.4 It is the responsibility of the Health and Wellbeing Board to gain assurance from partnership bodies in relation to plans for dealing with national and local public health crises. The Local Outbreak and Engagement Board, as a sub-committee of the Board, has the delegated oversight, assurance and engagement responsibilities but does not have decision-making powers.
- 4.5 Members of the sub-committee will be required to comply with the Memorandum of Understanding, Codes of Conduct and Declarations of Interest which the Health and Wellbeing Board is subject to and is set out on the agenda for the meeting.

#### **5. Health and Wellbeing Priorities:**

- 5.1 The overarching aims the Walsall Plan: Our Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy is to make sure that all partner organisations in Walsall are working together on the same issues so that opportunities to improve the health and wellbeing of the people in Walsall are maximised.
- 5.2 The LOEB oversees the outbreak management plan which sets out how partners will work together to control the COVID-19 rate of reproduction (R), reduce the spread of infection and save lives. In doing so help to return life to as normal as possible, for as many people as possible, in a way that is safe, protects our health and care systems and releases our economy.

#### **Background papers**

None

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