

	<b><u>Agenda Item: 10</u></b>
<b>Report to:</b>	<b>Birmingham Health &amp; Wellbeing Board</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> July 2020</b>
<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>COVID-19 LOCAL OUTBREAK CONTROL PLAN</b>
<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Birmingham City Council</b>
<b>Presenting Officer</b>	<b>Elizabeth Griffiths, Assistant Director of Public Health</b>

<b>Report Type:</b>	<b>Presentation</b>
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<b>1. Purpose:</b>
To inform the Board and members of the public of the publication of Birmingham's COVID-19 Local Outbreak Control Plan and to have oversight of the governance arrangements associated with Test and Trace.

2. Implications:		
BHWB Strategy Priorities	Childhood Obesity	
	Health Inequalities	✓
Joint Strategic Needs Assessment		
Creating a Healthy Food City		
Creating a Mentally Healthy City		
Creating an Active City		
Creating a City without Inequality		
Health Protection		✓

<b>3. Recommendation</b>
<p>3.1 The Board is asked to note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The contents and publication of the COVID-19 Local Outbreak Control Plan.</li> <li>The governance arrangements for Test and Trace detailed on pages 5-8 of the COVID-19 Local Outbreak Control Plan.</li> </ul> <p>3.2 Board members are asked to promote the Local Outbreak Control Plan amongst their networks.</p>

#### **4. Report Body**

- 4.1 Local Outbreak Control Plans for COVID-19 detail how local areas will build upon their existing plans to manage outbreaks in specific settings; ensure the challenges of COVID-19 and the impact of COVID-19 on local communities is understood and that the wider system supports the Director of Public Health in responding to this emergency.
- 4.2 Local Outbreak Control Plans are required by national guidelines to consider seven themes:
- Care homes and schools;
  - High risk places, locations and communities;
  - Local testing capacity;
  - Contact tracing in complex settings;
  - Data integration;
  - Vulnerable people; and
  - Local Boards.
- 4.3 The Birmingham COVID-19 Local Outbreak Control Plan has been developed in conjunction with system wide stakeholders on the Health Protection Forum and the Local COVID Outbreak Engagement Board, a new sub-group to the Health and Wellbeing Board.
- 4.4 The Local Outbreak Control Plan has required new governance arrangements to be put in place to provide transparency and democratic oversight of the management of COVID-19 outbreaks. These Governance arrangements are detailed on pages 5-8 of the Plan.
- 4.5 We hope that enforcement powers will be a position of last resort and that through education and engagement citizens, communities and organisations will work with us effectively and quickly to contain local outbreaks. However, it is important to consider this as part of our proactive approach to planning.
- 4.6 Annex G to the plan sets out the detail of powers of enforcement under current legislation, these fall into the following main categories:
- Enforcement of isolation – to prevent spread of disease.
  - Enforcement of dispersal – to disband mass gatherings.
  - Enforcement of closure – to enable closure of a space or setting to prevent spread of disease.
  - Enforcement of social distancing & preventative measures – to prevent spread of disease through preventative action.

<p>N.B. We do not currently have legislative powers to enforce geographic lockdowns or restrictions on travel at a sub-national level.</p>	
4.7	Local Directors of Public Health are responsible for producing Local Outbreak Control Plans; plans are required to be in place by 30 June 2020.
4.8	<p>The Local Outbreak Control Plan is published on Birmingham City Council's public facing website.</p> <p><a href="https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/50231/coronavirus_covid-19/2204/local_outbreak_plan_-_covid-19">https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/50231/coronavirus_covid-19/2204/local_outbreak_plan_-_covid-19</a></p>
4.9	The equalities impact assessment (EIA) for the Local Outbreak Control Plan is also appended to this report.

<b>5. Compliance Issues</b>	
<b>5.1 HWBB Forum Responsibility and Board Update</b>	
5.1.1	Whilst Birmingham's emergency plan is activated, the Test and Trace Cell will form part of the "Silver" command structure as a cell of the Tactical Cell. In parallel, the Test and Trace Cell feeds into the Birmingham Health Protection Forum, chaired by the Director of Public Health, which is a sub-group of the Health and Wellbeing Board.
5.1.2	Recognising that Test and Trace is likely to extend beyond twelve months, at such a time as the emergency response structures are stood down, formal governance of the Test and Trace Cell will be via the Health Protection Forum.
5.1.3	The Local COVID Outbreak Engagement Board will provide democratic oversight to the Test and Trace response.
<b>5.2 Management Responsibility</b>	
<p>The Director of Public Health is responsible for publishing the Local Outbreak Response Plan for the City and Chairs the Health Protection Forum.</p> <p>The Assistant Director of Public Health chairs the Test and Trace Cell and is responsible for the local operational delivery of Test and Trace in Birmingham.</p>	

<b>6. Risk Analysis</b>			
<p>The Local Outbreak Control Plan sets out the response to COVID-19 across a number of areas, this includes detailed action to mitigate the risk and impact of COVID-19 on Birmingham's citizens.</p> <p>N.B. Individual outbreak risks are monitored by Outbreak Setting Working Groups</p>			
<b>Identified Risk</b>	<b>Likelihood</b>	<b>Impact</b>	<b>Actions to Manage Risk</b>
Analysis of data shows low uptake of testing in a high-risk area.	Medium	High	<p>Targeted communications and engagement, detailed communications and engagement plan.</p> <p>Translation of test and trace materials.</p> <p>Mobilisation of mobile testing units.</p> <p>Community swabbing team deployed.</p> <p>Scenario testing of plan.</p>
Public Health staff capacity and burnout risk	High	High	Expanding capacity of the health protection cell via deployment from across the Council via the Business Continuity Cell; and through short-term appointments as required.
<b>Appendices</b>			
<p><b>1) Local COVID-19 Outbreak Control Plan</b></p> <p><b>2) Local COVID-19 Outbreak Control Plan Equalities Impact Assessment</b></p>			

The following people have been involved in the preparation of this board paper:

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