Report to:	**Birmingham Health & Wellbeing Board**	
Date:	**22 September 2020**	
TITLE:	**LOCAL COVID OUTBREAK ENGAGEMENT BOARD**	
Organisation	**Birmingham City Council**	
Presenting Officer	**Elizabeth Griffiths, Assistant Director of Public Health**	

Report Type:	**Information**

1.	**Purpose:**
	To inform the Board of Governance and purpose of the new sub-Group of the Health and Wellbeing Board, the Local Covid Outbreak Engagement Board.

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		✓	

3.	**Recommendation**
3.1	The Board is asked to note this update of the Local Covid Outbreak Engagement Board.

4.	Report Body
4.1	The Local Covid Outbreak Engagement Board is a new sub-committee of the Birmingham Health and Wellbeing Board. The Board is required by national guidelines for each upper tier local Authority's response to the Covid 19 outbreak.

4.2 The purpose of the Board is to provide political ownership and public-facing engagement and communication for outbreak response to Covid19 in Birmingham.

4.3 The Board has been set up to:

- Take an overview of the progress of the local implementation of Test and Trace.

- Ensure that the Test and Trace response in Birmingham is delivering the right interventions to protect the health and wellbeing of citizens

- To influence the development of the local Test and Trace programme.

- To promote communication and engagement with stakeholders and residents of Birmingham related to Covid 19 and the Test and Trace programme.

4.4 The Board is chaired by the Leader of the Council; membership comprises five elected Members, the Director of Public Health, Assistant Director of Public Health, the Birmingham and Solihull and the Sandwell and West Birmingham Clinical Commissioning Groups, WM Police, BVSC and Birmingham Healthwatch.

4.5 The first meeting of the Local Covid Outbreak Engagement Board (LCOEB) was held on 24 June 2020, with meetings held on a monthly basis.

4.6 The LCOEB receives a regular Covid19 situation update – both at the monthly meeting and on a weekly basis to members of the Board. These updates include the latest position in relation to Covid19 cases across the city, testing uptake, the proportion of tests taken that return a positive result. As this is a rapidly changing situation the latest epidemiology is presented to the Board.

4.7 Appended to this report are the confirmed minutes of the LCOEB.

5.	Compliance Issues

5.1 HWBB Forum Responsibility and Board Update

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.

5.2   *Management Responsibility*
The Director of Public Health is responsible for publishing the Local Outbreak Response Plan for the City and Chairs the Health Protection Forum. 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.

Appendices
Appendix 1 - Local Covid Outbreak Engagement Board Minutes - 29.07.20 Appendix 2 - Local Covid Outbreak Engagement Board Minutes - 24.06.20

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

Elizabeth Griffiths, Assistant Director of Public Health