

	<u>Agenda Item:18</u>
Report to:	Birmingham Health & Wellbeing Board
Date:	8th February 2022
TITLE:	HEALTH PROTECTION FORUM ANNUAL REPORT 2020-21
Organisation	Birmingham City Council

Report Type:	Information
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1. Purpose:
1.1 The purpose of the report is to update the board on the activity of the Health Protection Forum from 2020-2021.

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		X

3. Recommendation
3.1 The board is asked to note the content of the report.

4. Report Body
<p>Background</p> <p>4.1 The Health Protection Forum (HPF) is a sub-forum of the Health and Wellbeing board. It meets regularly to provide assurance to the Director of Public Health (DPH) that there are comprehensive health protection plans and arrangements in place to protect the health of the local population. The HPF</p>

also provides the space for the exchange of local health protection information between relevant partners to promote a cross-system approach to health protection issues in Birmingham. The last HPF Annual Report was delivered to the Health and Wellbeing board in April 2019, and regular short updates have been provided in the intervening period.

- 4.2 The report has been written to provide an update to the Health and Wellbeing board on the HPF's work over the 2020-21 period, and to provide an opportunity for Health and Wellbeing board members to approve and contribute to the HPF's upcoming work plan.
- 4.3 Health Protection updates from the previous 24 months are presented in at-a-glance diagrams which encompass the life-course approach of the new Health and Wellbeing board strategy. Each of the topic areas is then broken down into further detail, including recommendations for the next year of HPF work, proposed and approved by board members.

Content

- 4.4 The report covers the following Health Protection areas, listed below with a brief summary.

4.4.1 SARS Cov-2 (Covid-19)

- Recruitment of local covid-19 marshals and contact tracing staff has contributed to a thorough and successful response across the city
- Strong multi-partnership working has been developed and will continue, especially in the run-up to the 2022 Commonwealth Games

4.4.2 Screening and Immunisation

- Successful roll out of the local Covid-19 and flu vaccination programmes
- Learning and successes from activity throughout the Covid-19 pandemic will inform the ongoing restart and recovery of screening & immunisation programmes

4.4.3 Infection, Prevention and Control

- A thorough Covid-19 response has been delivered, with IPC becoming and being maintained as a high priority with all partners
- IPC will focus on continuing their response to Covid-19, reducing healthcare associated infections (HCAIs)

4.4.4 Non-communicable Disease and Environmental Hazards

- Clean Air Zone launched, supporting the development of associated air quality monitoring and evaluation processes

- A Tobacco Control Alliance will be established with key partners, working towards a smoke-free city by 2030

4.4.5 Communicable Disease

- A TB housing plan has been agreed with local partners to ensure appropriate accommodation for NRPF TB patients
- New TB patient strategies and action plans will inform upcoming work focused on patients with social risk factors and chaotic lifestyles

4.4.6 Oral Health

- Oral Health Profile developed, including key recommendations which will be built on in upcoming work
- There will be an increase in collaborative working, to facilitate the development of a local action plan and to reduce health inequalities across the city

4.4.7 Commonwealth Games.2022

- Legacy resources created, focussing on psychological first aid and mental wellbeing
- Health Protection planning for the upcoming games is underway locally, with partnerships to continue and strengthen over the next months.

Summary

- 4.5 The report acknowledges that each area of Health Protection has been profoundly affected by the Covid-19 pandemic, and that significant work and resource is being dedicated to restoring work to pre-pandemic levels. This return to business-as-usual work provides the opportunity to tackle systemic health inequities armed with local knowledge and insights gained from the pandemic. Recommendations from this report will be addressed in HPF meetings over the coming year and progress will be reported on in the next HPF Annual Report.

5. Compliance Issues

5.1 HWBB Forum Responsibility and Board Update

- 5.1.1 The report will be circulated to board members, for information.

5.2 Management Responsibility

- 5.2.1 Dr Mary Orhewere, Assistant Director of Public Health

6. Risk Analysis			
Identified Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Actions to Manage Risk
None identified			

Appendices
Health Protection Forum Annual Report 2020-21

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