

## **Committee: Health and Wellbeing Board Community Subgroup**

**Date:** 4 August 2020

Agenda item:

Wards: All

### **Subject: Health and Wellbeing Board Community Subgroup - Terms of Reference**

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Lead member: Councillor Stephen Alambritis, Leader of Merton Council

Forward Plan reference number:

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#### **Recommendations:**

- A. To agree the draft terms of reference for the Community Subgroup to be reported to the Health and Wellbeing Board for agreement.
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#### **1 PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

To set out the draft terms of reference for the new Health and Wellbeing Board (HWBB) Community Subgroup for agreement.

#### **2 BACKGROUND**

All local authorities have been asked to produce a Local Outbreak Control Plan setting out proposals for Test, Track and Trace. A copy of Merton's Covid-19 Outbreak Control Plan is available [here](#).

#### **3 DETAILS**

- 3.1. The HWBB Community Subgroup will support the implementation of Merton's Covid-19 Outbreak Control Plan, delivering the 'member-led local governance board', suggested in Government guidance. It will have oversight of communication with the general public on Test Track and Trace, with a focus on protecting vulnerable communities.
- 3.2. In Merton, the Community Subgroup will also oversight of work on the impact of Covid-19 on vulnerable communities, involving 'lived experience' and on-going community dialogue, which itself will support contact tracing to protect communities, including the most vulnerable.

#### **4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

The alternative option would be for the core Health and Wellbeing Board to take this role, but as the HWBB meets less frequently it would be more difficult for partners to respond quickly to any new developments.

**5 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN OR PROPOSED**

The Health and Wellbeing Board was consulted on the proposal to create a Subgroup on 23 June 2020 and HWBB members are involved in the Subgroup, both directly and through their nominees.

**6 TIMETABLE**

The Community Subgroup will initially meet for a fixed period up to April 2021.

**7 FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS**

N/A

**8 LEGAL AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS**

The Community Subgroup will report to the statutory Merton Health and Wellbeing Board. Wider accountability is set out in the attached documents.

**9 HUMAN RIGHTS, EQUALITIES AND COMMUNITY COHESION IMPLICATIONS**

The focus of the Community Subgroup is on those vulnerable community groups, that have to date been disproportionately impacted by Covid-19.

**10 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS**

N/A

**11 RISK MANAGEMENT AND HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS**

N/A

**12 APPENDICES – THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS ARE TO BE PUBLISHED WITH THIS REPORT AND FORM PART OF THE REPORT**

Appendix I - Health and Wellbeing Board Community Subgroup Draft Terms of Reference

Appendix II - Community Group Accountability Chart.

**BACKGROUND PAPERS**

[Covid-19 Outbreak Control Plan](#) Merton Council, July 2020