

Committee: Health and Wellbeing Board

Date: 29 September 2020

Agenda item:

Wards: All

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

Lead officer: Dagmar Zeuner, Director of Public Health

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 Health and Wellbeing Board Community Subgroup.
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1 PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

2 BACKGROUND

At the June meeting of this Board the creation of a Community Subgroup was discussed to be made up of HWBB members and their nominees. The Subgroup was established in response to the Local Outbreak Control Plan (LOCP) that all local authorities were required to produce a in June this year. A copy of Merton's Covid-19 Outbreak Control Plan is available [here](#).

3 DETAILS

- 3.1. The HWBB Community Subgroup met for the first time on 4 August 2020. The Subgroup is supporting the implementation of Merton's Covid-19 Outbreak Control Plan, delivering the 'member-led local governance board', suggested in Government guidance. It has oversight of communication and engagement with the general public, with a focus on protecting vulnerable communities.
- 3.2. In Merton, the Community Subgroup is also providing oversight of work on the impact of Covid-19 on vulnerable communities – those disproportionately impacted by the virus to date. This involves working with communities to gain insight to lived experience through on-going community dialogue, which itself will support contact tracing to protect those communities.
- 3.3. Terms of Reference were drafted for the Community Subgroup and discussed by the Subgroup at its meeting on 4 August. The ToR are attached as an appendix to this report for agreement by this Board.

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 and has a broader remit, 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.

A broad programme of engagement with community groups is taking place and will be reported to the HWBB and the Community Subgroup.

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

BACKGROUND PAPERS

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