

SUNDERLAND HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

25 June 2020

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT - LOCAL OUTBREAK CONTROL BOARD

Report of the Director of Public Health

1.0 Supplementary Report

- 1.1 Much of what we are required to do in response to this new phase of the pandemic is unknown, and will, therefore, be built on existing processes, relationships and structures.
- 1.2 The publication of the 'Public Health Leadership, Multi-Agency Capability: Guiding Principles for Effective Management of COVID-19 at a Local Level' in June 2020 sets out the roles and responsibilities in developing and delivering outbreak plans: see Table 2 - Role and Responsibilities in developing and delivering outbreak plans <https://www.adph.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Guiding-Principles-for-Making-Outbreak-Management-Work-Final.pdf>
- 1.3 As outlined in the main report, the Local Outbreak Control Board (or Engagement Board, as referred to in the guidance document) is expected to provide political oversight and lead communication and engagement with communities and stakeholders.
- 1.4 Its decisions will be advisory and any recommendations for action will be considered by the appropriate body or organisation with authority to take the action concerned, in accordance with that body or organisation's own governance arrangements. It is essential that the governance arrangements that are put in place to respond to the pandemic are responsive and flexible. It is therefore proposed that the Local Outbreak Control Board be constituted as a Sub-group of the Health and Wellbeing Board, which will, as appropriate, recommend any action to be taken to the appropriate body or organisation and, as with other sub-groups, report on its activities to the Health and Wellbeing Board.
- 1.5 It is recommended that the arrangements should be kept under review to ensure they remain responsive and fit for purpose as guidance and best practice evolves.

2.0 Revised Recommendations

- 2.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to:
- Note the contents of the report and supplementary report;
 - Agree to establish a sub-group to the Health and Wellbeing Board to fulfil the role of the Local Outbreak Control Board, in accordance with the following provisions:

- Membership to comprise all members of the Health and Wellbeing Board or their representative, plus the Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council;
- The Leader, or in their absence, the Deputy Leader of the Council, to chair the meetings;
- The Local Outbreak Control Board to have the flexibility to invite others' advice and opinion;
- The Local Outbreak Control Board to formulate Terms of Reference, for approval by the Chief Executive of the Council, in consultation with the Leader of the Council and Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board;
- The Local Outbreak Control Board to make recommendations, where it considers it appropriate, for action to be taken by persons or organisations with appropriate decision-making functions and to provide information reports on its activities to the Health and Wellbeing Board;
- Subject to the matters referred to above, the Local Outbreak Control Board to have authority to regulate its own procedures
- Agree that governance arrangements to support the delivery of the Local Outbreak Control Plan should remain under review to ensure arrangements are responsive and fit for purpose, with any changes to the governance arrangements to be referred to the Health and Wellbeing Board