

<b>Report to:</b>	Health and Wellbeing Board	<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	09 September, 2020
<b>Subject:</b>	Sefton Outbreak Plan		
<b>Report of:</b>	Director of Public Health	<b>Wards Affected:</b>	All.
<b>Cabinet Portfolio:</b>	Health and Wellbeing		
<b>Is this a Key Decision:</b>	No	<b>Included in Forward Plan:</b>	No
<b>Exempt / Confidential Report:</b>	No		

### Summary:

To present to the Health and Wellbeing Board the Sefton Outbreak Plan

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### Recommendation(s):

- (1) The Board is asked to receive and note the report

### Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: (including any Risk Implications)

Not Applicable

### What will it cost and how will it be financed?

#### (A) Revenue Costs

Not applicable.

#### (B) Capital Costs

Not applicable

**Implications of the Proposals:**

<b>Resource Implications (Financial, IT, Staffing and Assets):</b>
<b>Legal Implications:</b> The plan includes an overview of current COVID-19 legislation that applies to outbreak planning.
<b>Equality Implications:</b>  The report addressed issues related to inequalities and supporting BAME and other groups who may experience increased risk of clinical complications due to COVID-19.

**Contribution to the Council's Core Purpose:**

Protect the most vulnerable: Plan essential to protect vulnerable people and communities from COVID-19
Facilitate confident and resilient communities: The plan addresses outbreaks in communities and supports resilience with respect to COVID-19
Commission, broker and provide core services: Not applicable
Place – leadership and influencer: Not applicable
Drivers of change and reform: Not applicable
Facilitate sustainable economic prosperity: Not applicable
Greater income for social investment: Not applicable
Cleaner Greener Not applicable

**What consultations have taken place on the proposals and when?**

**(A) Internal Consultations**

The Executive Director of Corporate Resources and Customer Services (FD 6106/20) and the Chief Legal and Democratic Officer (LD4298/20) have been consulted and any comments have been incorporated into the report.

## **(B) External Consultations**

No formal consultation process was required for this plan.

### **Implementation Date for the Decision**

Not applicable -Report for information only.

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As part of this response Local Authorities were also required to establish two new boards. These were established in Sefton in July:

- Outbreak Management Stakeholder Board – to provide political ownership and public facing engagement and communication for outbreak response chaired by the Leader of Sefton Council.
- COVID- 19 Outbreak Management (Health Protection) Board – An operational group responsible for the development of local outbreak plans chaired by the Director of Public Health.

### **Overview:**

In line with the MHCLG requirements and guidance, Sefton Council has led the development of the COVID-19 Outbreak Management Plan.

This Plan contains the measures needed to identify and contain any coronavirus outbreaks and protect the health of people who live and work in Sefton, in a way that is safe, protects our health and care systems, and supports the recovery of our economy. The Plan also supports the nationwide Test and Trace process.

Key aims of the Plan include:

- Using local knowledge, experience and expertise to prevent, manage and eliminate the virus over time as part of the national Test and Trace programme.
- Setting out an approach to prevent Covid-19 outbreaks developing;
- Protecting public health by identifying the source should there be a COVID-19 outbreak and implementing necessary measures to prevent any further spread;
- Outlining clear roles and responsibilities, response pathways and procedures should an outbreak occur in Sefton;
- Making the most up to date and accurate information and advice available to local people.
- Learning lessons and sharing best practice to prevent and control future COVID-outbreaks.

## **Sefton COVID-19 Outbreak Management Plan**

The Sefton COVID-19 Outbreak Management Plan is an iterative, working document which describes the actions and processes which will be used in Sefton to manage community outbreaks of COVID-19. The COVID-19 Outbreak Management Board, chaired by the Director of Public Health for Sefton, has oversight of the Sefton Outbreak Plan.

The plan describes how local partners including public health statutory functions, local authority, health partners and wider stakeholders will work together to respond to community COVID-19 outbreaks and incidents. The focus of the document is around the prevention of outbreaks, and the early recognition and containment of any community outbreaks in Sefton.

The Sefton COVID-19 Outbreak Management Plan and supporting documents can be accessed through this link:

<https://www.sefton.gov.uk/miscellaneous-pages/covid-19-outbreak-management-plan.aspx>

### **Appendices:**

All papers can be accessed here:

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### **Background Papers:**

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