

## Record of officer decision

<b>Decision title:</b>	Decision to sign off Herefordshires Outbreak Control Plan to enable this to be submitted to the relevant bodies on the 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2020
<b>Date of decision:</b>	30.06.2020
<b>Decision maker:</b>	Alistair Neill Chief Executive Herefordshire Council
<b>Authority for delegated decision:</b>	Section 3.7.9 of the council's constitution states that the Chief executive Officer can take all necessary decisions in cases of emergency. For the purposes of this scheme, 'emergency' shall mean any situation in which the chief executive believes that there is a risk of damage to property, a threat to the health or wellbeing of an individual, or that the interests of the council may be compromised. 'All necessary decisions' includes decisions to take such action as is necessary within the law to protect life, health, safety, the economic, social or environmental wellbeing of the county, its communities and individuals living, working or visiting, and to preserve property belonging to the council or others.
<b>Ward:</b>	Countywide
<b>Consultation:</b>	Consultation around the Outbreak Control Plan to date has been through the Outbreak Control Group this will be ongoing through both the Outbreak Control Group and the Covid-19 Engagment working group, which is being established as a working group of the Health and Wellbeing Board, 30 June 2020. This plan will evolve as we learn more about the virus but our starting point is to build on what we know is working both in Herefordshire and other parts of the country and world.
<b>Decision made:</b>	This decision to sign off the initial Outbreak Control Plan as an emergency operational decision
<b>Reasons for decision:</b>	<p>The decision to sign the document <del>the document</del> off through this route was to ensure that the governmnets deadline of 30.06.2020 for submission of local authority outbreak control plans can be met.</p> <p>These plans will evolve and will need to be in place for the next 18months and beyond. The purpose of this Plan is to support the quick and effective management of Covid-19 outbreaks in a range of settings. The specific objectives are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduce the spread of infection in Herefordshire, minimise the number of cases, protect our health and care system, and save lives;</li> <li>• Support settings experiencing a new localised outbreak or complex single cases to mitigate the consequences of and help to keep as many services and businesses going as possible in a way that is safe and releases our economy; and</li> <li>• Give the public confidence that we are able to respond appropriately to outbreaks of Covid-1 in order to minimise anxiety.</li> </ul> <p>This plan will be focussed around seven themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Care homes and schools;</li> <li>• High risk places, locations and communities;</li> <li>• Local testing capacity;</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contact tracing in complex settings;</li> <li>• Data integration;</li> <li>• Vulnerable people, and</li> <li>• Local boards.</li> </ul>
<b>Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:</b>	<p>The legal context for managing outbreaks of communicable disease which present a risk to the health of the public requiring urgent investigation and management sits-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• With Public Health England under the Health and Social Care Act 2012</li> <li>• With Directors of Public Health under the Health and Social Care Act 2012</li> <li>• With Chief Environmental Health Officers under the Public Health (Control of Disease) Act 1984</li> <li>• With NHS Clinical Commissioning Groups<sup>1</sup> to collaborate with Directors of Public Health and Public Health England to take local action (eg testing and treating) to assist the management of outbreaks under the Health and Social Care Act 2012</li> <li>• With other responders specific responsibilities to respond to major incidents as part of the Civil Contingencies Act 2004</li> <li>• In the context of COVID-19 there is also the Coronavirus Act 2020.</li> </ul> <p>Herefordshire Council will receive £845K in additional funding as they continue to respond to the coronavirus pandemic. This extra money will ensure that Herefordshire can continue to help their communities through this crisis and provide essential services and support to those who need it most. A clear resource plan will be put in place.</p> <p>As part of the ongoing development of Herefordshires Local Outbreak Control Plan a risk register will be developed around the plan to ensure that all risks have been identified and mitigating action where possible will be taken.</p>
<b>Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:</b>	This plan could have been reviewed by the COVID- 19 working enagagmnet group prior to sign off but due to extremely tight deadlines this was not a viable option.
<b>Details of any declarations of interest made:</b>	N/A

Signed:

Date: 30.06.20

<sup>1</sup> And NHS England in the case of Prisons and custodial institutions