

Record of operational decision

UPDATED May 2020: Authority for delegated authority box updated

UPDATED April 2020: All record of operational decisions are to be discussed with the Communications Team before they are published.

UPDATED March 2020: Decisions in relation Covid-19 should be published on the same day as the decision or at the very latest 24 hrs later.

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Decision title:	Refreshed Local Outbreak Management Plan (LOMP)
Date of decision:	30.03.2021
Decision maker:	Acting Deputy Chief Executive
Authority for delegated decision:	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.
Ward:	'Countywide'
Consultation:	Consultation around the Outbreak Control Plan to date has been through the Outbreak Control Group and also the COVID Strategic Group this will be ongoing through both the Outbreak Control Group and also the COVID 19 Engagement working group.
Decision made:	To agreed the revised local Outbreak management plan
Reasons for decision:	<p>The refresh of this document is required by Public Health regional convenors as soon as possible.</p> <p>This plan was originally adopted on 30.06.2020 http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=6981</p> <p>The council's response to the pandemic has evolved and will continue to do so due to changes in circumstances. Nationally it was felt that all Local Authority Outbreak Management Plans needed to be reviewed due to a stronger focus on Enhanced contact tracing and variants of concern. The aim of the plan is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce the spread of infection in Herefordshire, minimise the number of cases, protect our health and care system, and save lives; • 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 • Give the public confidence that we are able to respond appropriately to outbreaks of Covid-1 in order to minimise anxiety.
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	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-

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With Public Health England under the Health and Social Care Act 2012 • With Directors of Public Health under the Health and Social Care Act 2012 • With Chief Environmental Health Officers under the Public Health (Control of Disease) Act 1984 • With NHS Clinical Commissioning Groups¹ 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 • With other responders specific responsibilities to respond to major incidents as part of the Civil Contingencies Act 2004 • In the context of COVID-19 there is also the Coronavirus Act 2020. <p>Although from an emergency planning perspective we are not currently dealing with the pandemic as a major incident, the ability for the council to respond to the pandemic and control any outbreaks is subject to review.</p>
Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:	None it is a requirement for all Local authorities to submit their refreshed plans to Public Health England.
Details of any declarations of interest made:	If any officers or members involved or consulted in the decision-making have declared an interest you should include the declaration here.

Signed..... Date:

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