

DECISION-MAKER:	Local Outbreak Engagement Board		
SUBJECT:	COVID-19 Situation Report		
DATE OF DECISION:	8 th February 2021		
REPORT OF:	Interim Director of Public Health		
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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY	
N/A	
BRIEF SUMMARY	
A COVID-19 report is published by Southampton City Council on a weekly basis. The report summarises some of the key information published by the government, Public Health England and other agencies which can be used to monitor the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic both nationally and locally in Southampton.	
Elements of the Covid-19 report along with other key intelligence will be presented to the Local Outbreak Engagement Board, providing an update on the latest situation in Southampton.	
Members of the Board will be invited to provide verbal feedback on the COVID-19 situation in their sectors to support the Local Outbreak Engagement Boards understanding of the COVID-19 risks and impacts in Southampton.	
RECOMMENDATIONS:	
(i)	To note the latest situation report and weekly COVID-19 update.
(ii)	To receive verbal feedback from partner members of the Board on the COVID-19 situation in key sectors.
REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS	
1.	To ensure that the Local Outbreak Engagement Board is informed about the latest local intelligence relating to the coronavirus (COVID-19).
ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED	
2.	No alternative options considered.
DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)	
3.	<u>Update on the national situation</u> The UK entered its third national lockdown on 5 th January 2021, replacing the four-tiered system of restrictions.

4.	The first Covid-19 vaccination was administered on 8 th December 2020. The Oxford AstraZeneca vaccine was approved on 30 th December and is now being rolled out alongside the Pfizer vaccine.
5.	Lockdown measures are expected to remain in place until mid-February at the earliest.
6.	Following a review in Parliament, lockdown laws have been extended to give councils the power to close pubs, restaurants, shops and public spaces until 17 th July 2021.
7.	<u>Update on latest data and intelligence</u> The primary functions of the Southampton Local Outbreak Engagement Board are to ensure political oversight of responses to outbreaks, provide direction and leadership for community engagement, provide assurance on resource use, and be the public face of local responses in the event of an outbreak.
8.	In order to fulfil these tasks, it is important that the Board has access to timely and accurate data and information on the coronavirus outbreak. An online coronavirus dashboard is published daily to help inform members of the public of the current coronavirus situation in Southampton. This dashboard can be found at: https://data.southampton.gov.uk/health/disease-disability/covid-19/covid-19-updates/
9.	The report contains information on the number of coronavirus cases, the rate of cases among the resident population, coronavirus related deaths, including where people have died and the number of people reporting coronavirus symptoms through NHS Pathways (for example, 999 calls, 111 calls and 111 online).
10.	Comparisons in the report are made between the last 7 days of complete data and the previous 7 days of data. Weekly variations in data, in the number of cases for example, is to be expected. Therefore, any changes should be interpreted alongside the overall trend, with sustained increases or decreases being more important than daily fluctuations. It is also important to highlight that the data in these reports, especially the most recent figures, are subject to revision. Data presented in these reports are correct at the time of publishing, but may subsequently be revised as more up to date data is made available.
11.	At the time of writing (data up to 15 th January) there have been 10,198 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Southampton (includes both pillar 1 and 2 cases). There were 1,320 confirmed cases in the last 7 days, which is a reduction of -369 cases compared to the previous 7 days. This equates to around 189 new cases per day. Therefore, although infections remain high in Southampton, they are beginning to fall.
12.	At the time of writing, Southampton had a weekly infection rate of 523 per 100,000 population, which is higher than the South East average of 506 per 100,000 population and the England average of 498 per 100,000 population. Rates in Southampton continue to be high, but are now starting to fall in line with the South East and England trend.
13.	Up to 8 th January there have been a total of 215 COVID-19 deaths in Southampton. Of those, 139 died in hospital and 76 in the community (60 of

	which were in case homes). Resident deaths have started to increase once more as a result of the sharp increase in infections during December. In the last 2 weeks, there have been 25 Covid-19 related deaths, compared to 6 deaths in the previous 2-week period. Overall deaths (from all causes) in the city are now higher than expected levels for this time of year, based on historic trends over the last five years.
14.	COVID-19 data is received and updated daily, so the local picture can change quickly. Although this paper outlines the latest available information at time of writing, the picture may have changed by the time of the Outbreak Engagement Board meeting on 8 th February. Therefore, the latest available information will be presented at the meeting.
RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	
<u>Capital/Revenue</u>	
10.	None. This report is for information only.
<u>Property/Other</u>	
11.	None. This report is for information only.
LEGAL IMPLICATIONS	
<u>Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:</u>	
12.	N/A. This report is for information only.
<u>Other Legal Implications:</u>	
13.	The overarching Coronavirus Act 2020 and subsequent COVID-19 framework sets out responsibilities for a Local Outbreak Engagement Board to provide public engagement and community leadership.
14.	The framework notes “Local DPH teams and PHE will have good situational awareness and are best placed to monitor and identify potential issues in their area.” https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/containing-and-managing-local-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreaks/covid-19-contain-framework-a-guide-for-local-decision-makers#data
RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS	
15.	COVID-19 risks are being managed in line with the council’s risk management framework.
POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS	
16.	None.
KEY DECISION?	No
WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:	All
<u>SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION</u>	
Appendices	
1.	Weekly COVID-19 updates: https://data.southampton.gov.uk/health/disease-disability/covid-19/covid-19-updates/

Documents In Members’ Rooms

1.	None	
Equality Impact Assessment		
Do the implications/subject of the report require an Equality and Safety Impact Assessment (ESIA) to be carried out.		No
Data Protection Impact Assessment		
Do the implications/subject of the report require a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) to be carried out.		No
Other Background Documents		
Other Background documents available for inspection at:		
Title of Background Paper(s)		Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)
1.	None	