

DECISION-MAKER:	Local Outbreak Engagement Board		
SUBJECT:	COVID-19 Situation Report		
DATE OF DECISION:	8 th December 2020		
REPORT OF:	Interim Director of Public Health		
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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY			
None.			
BRIEF SUMMARY			
<p>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.</p>			
<p>As well as closely monitoring the latest data, it is crucial that the council and partners keep connected with how the residents of Southampton perceive and feel about the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. As a result, Southampton City Council have conducted a series of resident surveys to improve understanding of the impacts in our communities. This feedback is important to build a good local response and aid recovery efforts across the city.</p>			
<p>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. In addition, a brief overview of the resident surveys conducted to date will be provided.</p>			
<p>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.</p>			
RECOMMENDATIONS:			
	(i)	To note the latest situation report and weekly COVID-19 update.	
	(ii)	To note the ongoing public engagement work being undertaken through the COVID-19 resident surveys.	
	(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) pandemic and the ongoing public engagement activity taking place through the COVID-19 resident surveys.		

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED	
2.	No alternative options considered.
DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)	
3.	<p><u>Update on latest data and intelligence</u></p> <p>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.</p>
4.	<p>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. A coronavirus infographic report is published weekly to help inform members of the public of the current coronavirus situation in Southampton. This report can be found at:</p> <p>https://data.southampton.gov.uk/health/disease-disability/covid-19/covid-19-updates/</p>
5.	<p>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).</p>
6.	<p>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 being more important than daily fluctuations. It is also important to highlight that the data in these reports, especially most recent figures, are subject to revision. Data presented in these reports are correct at the time of publishing, but historic reports available here may not necessarily reflect the current most up to date published figures.</p>
7.	<p>At time of writing (data up to 13th November) there have been 3,350 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Southampton (includes both pillar 1 and 2 cases). There were 565 confirmed cases in the previous 7 days, which is an increase of +108 compared to the previous 7 days. This equates to around 80 new cases per day. Therefore, infections are continuing to rise in Southampton.</p>
8.	<p>At the time of writing, Southampton had a weekly infection rate of 224 per 100,000 population, which is higher than the South East average of 187 per 100,000 population, but lower than England overall (274 per 100,000 population).</p>
9.	<p>Up to 6th November there have been a total of 177 COVID-19 deaths in Southampton. Of those, 109 died in hospital and 68 in the community (54 of which were in care homes). Resident deaths have started to increase once more following a period of very few deaths during the summer. In the last 3 weeks, there have been 8 Covid-19 related deaths, compared to a single death in the previous 3-week period. Nonetheless, overall deaths (from all</p>

	causes) in the city remain at expected levels for this time of year, based on historic trends over the last five years.
10.	COVID-19 data is received and updated daily, so the local picture and 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 December. Therefore, the latest available information will be presented at the meeting.
11.	<p><u>Public engagement – Southampton COVID-19 resident surveys</u></p> <p>In these unprecedented times, it is crucial that the council and partners keep connected with how the residents of Southampton are feeling about the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. It is important that agencies across the city have a good understanding of how residents are interpreting national guidance, how the pandemic is impacting residents’ lives, and concerns that residents may have during this time. This feedback is important to build a robust local response and aid recovery efforts across the city.</p>
12.	<p>Since the start of the pandemic, Southampton City Council has conducted three resident surveys, which have all attracted very high response rates and generated a great deal of useful insight.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The first survey was live from Wednesday 1st April to Sunday 5th April (receiving 3,258 respondents) • The second survey was live from Thursday 23rd April to Monday 27th April (receiving 1,941 respondents) • The third survey was live from Wednesday 8th July to Sunday 2nd August (receiving 2,864 respondents)
13.	<p>The latest survey covered a range of topics including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding and complying with advice and guidance • Trust and confidence in local public services handling the response • How safe people feel and what makes residents feel unsafe • Priorities for recovery • Impacts on work and household finances • Mental and physical health • Worries and concerns <p>Reports on the findings of all three surveys can be found on the Southampton Data Observatory: https://data.southampton.gov.uk/surveys-and-research/coronavirus-surveys/</p>
RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	
14.	None
<u>Capital/Revenue</u>	
15.	None.
<u>Property/Other</u>	
16.	None.
LEGAL IMPLICATIONS	
<u>Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:</u>	
17.	Coronavirus Act 2020

Other Legal Implications:	
18.	The COVID-19 contain framework sets out responsibilities for a Local Outbreak Engagement Board to provide public engagement and community leadership.
19.	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	
20.	COVID-19 risks are being managed in line with the council’s risk management framework.
POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS	
21.	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/
2.	COVID-19 resident survey results: https://data.southampton.gov.uk/surveys-and-research/coronavirus-surveys/
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