

REPORT TO: Executive Board

DATE: 30th July 2020

REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director,
Economy, Community & Enterprise Directorate

PORTFOLIO: Community Safety

SUBJECT: 'HBC Local Lockdown Shielded
Contingency Plan'

WARDS: Borough wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to share the 'HBC Local Lockdown Shielded Contingency Plan.' This document has been produced in response to a risk of a local lockdown, where there may be an impact on Shielded Individuals within the Borough.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That

- 1) the report be noted; and**
- 2) the Board approves the Plan.**

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 Background

- 3.2 Following the national lockdown of the Country, supporting Shielded Individuals within the Borough has been a key priority for the authority. The authority has aimed to assist these individuals with the support mechanisms they have required at this uncertain time.

- 3.3. There are more than 6,000 Shielded Individuals who reside within the Borough. The authority has categorised these individuals into three areas, which are detailed within Table: 1 (overleaf).

Table: 1

| Number of Halton Residents | Shielding Status (as of 20/07/20) |
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| 1,439 | Registered Shielded Receiving a level of support from Halton Borough Council and/or partners (support with supplies, health & welfare). |
| 2,403 | Registered Shielded and not receiving additional support. |
| 2556 | Unregistered shielded |

3.3 Following the lockdowns in Leicester and potential other areas within the Country, the authority need to be prepared to experience and manage the risk of a local lockdown, especially supporting the Shielded Individuals within the defined lockdown area.

3.4 A 'local lockdown' may be a defined area, such as:

- A street / road
- A number of streets / road
- One side of a street
- Educational / Care setting
- Care setting
- Ward / Village
- Widnes / Runcorn
- Borough of Halton Borough Council
- Cross border
- North West of England
- North of England
- Whole of England

3.3 Guidance

The guidance for a local lockdown is based on monitoring of local data, recommended by the CHaMPs Public Health Collaborative guidelines (Cheshire and Merseyside). Further information is detailed within [Appendix 1](#) of the attached HBC Local Lockdown Contingency Plan.

3.4 Local Planning

- 3.4 A local lockdown would potentially be required in the event of an outbreak occurring within one of the above defined areas. The authority has developed a suite of Contingency Plans in response to such an outbreak occurring. These documents are based on a number of various scenarios.
- 3.5 Should the mitigation measures detailed within the Outbreak Plans not be sufficient to reduce the spread of the virus, a Local Lockdown may be required. Therefore, the aim of the 'HBC Local Lockdown Shielded Contingency plan' is to provide guidance for the authority and partnering agencies in the response to the 'Local Lockdown' in relation to Shielded Individuals and the wider consequences. The objectives are to:
- Ensure all agencies are prepared and able to deal with a lockdown so as to protect those highlighted as shielded.
 - Establish a range of procedures and actions for all multi agencies.
 - Identify the resources available to provide health and wellbeing support to the shielded population and
 - Identify triggers for Halton Borough Council staffing and resources.
- 3.6 The HBC Local Lockdown Shielded Contingency Plan is split into a number of sections with the aim to clearly inform the user of the document the processes and procedures required to support the affected defined area of of the community with the response required.
- 3.8 The plan also details Shielded Individual information which is mapped by Ward. The maps and supporting documentation dovetails with shielded individuals contact information and support requirements. This information will be updated on a regular basis, with the aim to ensure the document is resilient and 'fit for purpose' in the event of activation.
- 3.9 Due to the nature and level of information with the Contingency Plan, there are 2 versions, which can be accessed via Resilience Direct (Restricted Cabinet Office Platform) and the authority's Emergency Planning Portal, both with restricted access / permissions.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The recommendation of the contingency plan being used on receipt of notification of a local lockdown would aim to support the response to a local lockdown within a defined area within the Borough.
- 4.2 This document will be shared internally and externally with partner agencies, with the aim to raise awareness of the response and expectations of supporting partners.

5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The Contingency Plan would aim to provide a structured process in relation to the efficient response and delivery to support the community in the event of a Local Lockdown. This in turn will aim to save time and cost to the authority.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S

- 6.1 Children and Young People in Halton
- 6.3 A Healthy Halton
- 6.4 A Safer Halton
- 6.5 **Halton's Urban Renewal**

'None'

7.0 RISK ANALYSIS

- 7.1 This plan and detailed information reduces the risk of supporting the community in a time of crisis. The document outlines the key tasks and actions to be taken to ensure control measures are in place to support the community in a time of uncertain and crisis.
- 7.2 Following the activation and response to a Local Lockdown, there will be a continued series of Risk Assessments conducted Nationally, Regionally and Locally. The aim of these assessments to obtain intelligence in relation to the Covid-19 outbreak.

8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

'None'

9.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

| Document | Place of Inspection | Contact Officer |
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| HBC Local Lockdown Contingency Plan | Attached to this report. | Michelle Cotgreave |