

STRATEGIC PLACE BOARD (FORMERLY HWBB)

MINUTES OF MEETING Tuesday, 11th September 2020

PRESENT: Councillor Rowbotham (in the Chair); Councillor Ifikhar Ahmed, Councillor Massey (substituting for Councillor Heakin), Andrea Fallon, Gail Hopper, Sally McIvor (Rochdale Borough Council); Dr Bodrul Alam (HMR CCG), Sian Wimbury (Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust), Steve Taylor (Northern Care NHS Alliance) and K. Jones (HealthWatch Rochdale)

OFFICERS: W. Meston (Public Health and Wellbeing Directorate), M. Garraway and P. Thompson (Resources Directorate)

17 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Kerry Bertram, Councillor Dearnley, Dr Chris Duffy, Councillor Heakin, Steve Rumbelow and Keith Walker.

18 MINUTES

Resolved:

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Strategic Place Board, held 13th February 2020, be approved as a correct record.

19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interests.

20 COVID-19 OUTBREAK CONTROL PLAN

The Director of Public Health and Wellbeing reported that as part of the response to the Covid-19 each locality, within the Borough had to produce an Outbreak Plan for Covid-19 to explain how local areas will prevent and respond to a localised outbreak of coronavirus.

This plan sets the authority's local response working within the context of a Greater Manchester and national response. The initial plan was developed by public health experts on behalf of local experts to respond specifically to the coronavirus and Covid-19 disease. This had been built upon and within the context of a broader Outbreak Control Plan that supported rather than replaced.

The plan established the Borough's approach to outbreak control for coronavirus. It supported the work of local agencies in order to maximise efforts to control the spread of the virus and to reduce the consequences of infections to individuals, settings and communities.

The plan was a working document and would continue to evolve and be informed by local circumstances and emerging evidence.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

21 ESTABLISHMENT OF A MEMBER LED ENGAGEMENT BOARD

The Director of Public Health and Wellbeing reported that in June 2020 local government and directors of public health had been identified as critical in managing the next phase of the COVID-19 pandemic: testing, contact tracing and outbreak management. Therefore local authorities had been asked by the Government to:

- a. Establish a member-led Local Outbreak Control Board.
- b. Establish a director of public health-led Health Protection Board (leading on Covid-19).
- c. Develop a Local Outbreak Control Plan.

The Board will be a formally constituted Sub-Committee of the Strategic Place Board which will appoint a suitable membership, appoint the Chair of the Board and approve its terms of reference.

In considering the report, Members whilst supporting the establishment of this body requested that a further report be submitted to the next meeting of the Strategic Place Board confirming the membership.

Alternatives considered: The Council is required to establish a body as part of the national Test and Trace Service that is designed to control the rate of reproduction of Covid-19 by reducing the spread of the infection in the Borough.

Resolved:

1. The establishment of the Member led Engagement Board be approved as a Sub-Committee of the Strategic Place Board.
2. The Board be referred to as the Rochdale Borough Outbreak Control and Engagement Board.
3. The draft Terms of Reference be approved in principle and the final terms of reference, after the membership has been confirmed, be delegated to the Chair of the Strategic Place Board to approve, in consultation with the Assistant Director - Legal, Governance and Workforce/Monitoring Officer and further amendments be delegated to the Rochdale Borough Outbreak Engagement Board and reported to the Chair of the Strategic Place Board.
4. The Director of Public health and Wellbeing be requested to submit a further report, to the next meeting of the Strategic Place Board, on 23rd September 2020, confirming the membership of the Rochdale Borough Outbreak Control and Engagement Board.
5. The appointment of the Chair be delegated to the Rochdale Borough Outbreak Engagement Board determination at its first public meeting.