

# Overview and Scrutiny Management Board

24<sup>th</sup> April 2020



**Report of:** Tim Borrett, Director: Policy, Strategy and Partnerships  
(COVID-19 Information and Communications Cell Director)

**Title:** Response to coronavirus / COVID-19 pandemic

**Ward:** Citywide

**Officer Presenting Report:** Tim Borrett

## Recommendation:

That members note this holding report and note that a more detailed report is to be published w/c 20<sup>th</sup> April in advance of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board (OSMB) meeting. A presentation will accompany the full report at the OSMB meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2020.

This approach has been agreed with the OSMB Lead Members to ensure that Members receive the most up-to-date information on services for their meeting, noting that the national and local situation is moving at pace.

Please see overleaf for an outline of the contents of the report and presentation.



**The significant issues in the report are:**

OSMB will receive, as agreed with OSMB Lead Members, an overview of Bristol City Council's initial response to the COVID-19 pandemic including:

- Details of how the council has structured itself to respond and how it is coordinating with partner agencies
- A summary of key changes to council services and the action taken to support and protect citizens and council colleagues
- The management of communication and information to citizens and stakeholders

There will also be a specific focus on the following areas as requested by OSMB Leads:

- Domestic Abuse, Homelessness and Foster Carers - specifically what the local position currently is, how the council is managing these and any projections for the immediate future
- Care Homes - an update on the latest position in Bristol and also the longer term impact of COVID-19 for this area
- Can Do Bristol – an update on the volunteering network and the support being providing to vulnerable citizens