

Decision Pathway – Report



PURPOSE: For noting

MEETING: Cabinet

DATE: 13 April 2021

TITLE	Local Covid Outbreak Management Plan (March 2021 refresh)		
Ward(s)	All		
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Cabinet lead: Cllr Asher Craig, Deputy Mayor with responsibility for Communities, Equalities and Public Health	Executive Director lead: Hugh Evans, Executive Director, People		
Proposal origin: Other			
Decision maker: Mayor Decision forum: Cabinet			
<p>Purpose of Report:</p> <p>For Cabinet to review and note the updated / refreshed Local Outbreak Management Plan (LOMP). The Bristol LOMP is part of a network of plans in every local authority in England. It provides the framework for the next phases of living with Coronavirus. The plan was originally published in June 2020; this document is a refreshed version that accounts for developments since the plan's first iteration including our own local experiences of responding to the pandemic.</p> <p>For Cabinet to note the grant funding received so far to support the plan and authorises the Director of Public Health to spend further grant funding as noted in the report subject to compliance with the grant funding conditions.</p> <p>The revised Outbreak Management Plan was submitted to the Department of Health and Social Care as required by 12th March 2021. The plan has been through a peer review process supported by DHSC, Public Health England and the Local Government Association with the following feedback: <i>'Bristol LOMP clearly has been tested on many occasions, to huge effect. Very comprehensive and contemporary plan - strong contender for sharing lessons'</i></p>			
<p>Evidence Base:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Every upper Tier (Public Health) Authority is required to have in place a Covid-19 Outbreak Management Plan which anticipates, prevents, and contains incidents and outbreaks of Covid-19 in local areas. The first plans were published in June 2020 and are now being refreshed to take account of the most current situation. In this revised plan, we set out the steps that we will continue to take to anticipate, prevent and respond to outbreaks of Covid-19 in our city, working within the framework of the Winter Plan and the new Road Map to Recovery The overarching aim of this Local Outbreak Management Plan is to prevent the spread of Covid-19; reduce the rate of infection; and respond rapidly to any rises in infection so that they can be contained promptly and safely This refresh of our Local Outbreak Management Plan is centred around seven core themes <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Driven by Intelligent Data – using national, regional and local data to understand and inform our action; Testing, Tracing, and Isolating - to identify and break chains of transmission Outbreak Prevention and Response - including plans to respond to new Variants of Concern Protecting and supporting vulnerable people – including those who are homeless or in complex circumstances The use of regulation and enforcement – where required for public safety 			

VI. Engaging and Communicating – deep into our communities and using different methods both to get messages out and to listen

vii. The Road to Recovery, learning to live safely with Covid-19, including supporting the economy to reopen and maximising vaccine coverage

5. The plan is a dynamic document that we will keep returning to as events develop. It is informed by the national frameworks for Contain and Test and Trace. It is also informed by local learning, our own intelligence, and the experiences of living with Covid-19 for the past year.
6. The national **Covid-19 Contain Framework** set out how government expects and require partners to work with the public to prevent, contain and manage outbreaks.
7. In November 2020, the government published the **Covid-19 Winter Plan**, which set out a programme for suppressing the virus, protecting the NHS and vulnerable people, keeping the economy going and providing a route back to normality. This plan focused on vaccine roll out, the introduction of a national Tier System, new treatments and plans for schools and businesses.
8. In December 2020 the **NHS Test and Trace Business Plan** was published. This set out the strategic intention for the national Test and Trace programme, including how partners, including local authorities will be expected to function within a ‘team of teams’ in the delivery of test and tracing activity. A new National Testing Strategy is expected to be published in the spring of 2021.
9. In February 2021 the government published its **Covid-19 Response for Spring 2021**. This plan sets out dates for progressing to unlocking, with each stage subject to a series of tests.
10. The Bristol Outbreak Management Plan has taken account of **Guiding Principles for Effective Management of Covid-19** at local level published by Association of Directors of Public Health in June 2020, which recommends that the prevention and management of the transmission of Covid-19 should be rooted in public health systems and leadership, adopt a whole system approach, be delivered through an efficient and locally effective and responsive system including being informed by timely access to data and intelligence, and be sufficiently resourced.
11. The Bristol Outbreak Management Plan and local recovery work also takes account of **Living Safely with Covid: Moving Toward a Strategy for Sustainable Exit from the Pandemic** published by the Association of Directors of Public Health in February 2021.

Resources:

The Local Authority has received c.£11m Covid grant funding to date through different grants to support the costs of Outbreak Management and supporting isolation. Further funding is expected before the end of the financial year, and it has been confirmed that these should be rolled forward to fund outbreak management costs in the coming year. This includes local contact tracing, community testing, volunteer, and community networks etc. The broad resourcing strategy is described in chapter 10 of the Revised Local Outbreak Management Plan.

Cabinet Member / Officer Recommendations:

1. That Cabinet note and agree the Local Outbreak Management Plan
2. That Cabinet note the grant funding received so far to support the plan and authorises the Director of Public Health to spend further grant funding as noted in the report subject to compliance with the grant funding conditions.

Corporate Strategy alignment:

1. **Empowering and Caring:** We have worked with partners to inform this plan so that communities and individuals are engaged with and supported to stay safe
2. **Fair and Inclusive:** The plan specifically addresses economic and social equality and sets out the framework for a fair and inclusive response to Covid-19
3. **Well Connected:** The plan sets out the framework for finding the virus through testing and preventing its spread by containing and isolating via good data, but also how achieving this will need the eyes and ears of individuals and communities.
4. **Wellbeing:** The plan sets the backdrop for sustaining healthier and more resilient communities by preventing the spread of Covid-19

City Benefits:

1. The plan sets out the framework for how the city will move forward to open schools, workplaces, and the

economy

2. The plan sets out the framework for finding the virus through testing and preventing its spread by containing and isolating.
3. The plan sets out the framework for how we will play our part locally in finding and suppressing new variants of concern, working closely with specialist regional Health Protection Teams, the Joint Bio Security Centre and the National Covid-19 Response Centre.
4. The plan sets out the framework for how we will continue to support the roll out of the vaccination programme, making sure that everyone has access when they are eligible and challenging vaccine myths and hesitancy.

Consultation Details:

N/A

Background Documents:

3. Previous iterations of the LOMP and associated appendices can be viewed [here](#)
4. The national Contain Framework at time of publication of this plan can be viewed [here](#).
5. The Covid-19 Winter Plan can be viewed [here](#).
6. The NHS Test and Trace Business Plan can be viewed [here](#).
7. The Spring 2021 response plan can be viewed [here](#).
8. Guiding Principles for Effective Management of Covid-19 can be found [here](#).
9. Living Safely with Covid: Moving toward a Strategy for Sustainable Exit from the pandemic can be viewed [here](#).

Revenue Cost	£0	Source of Revenue Funding	N/A
Capital Cost	£0	Source of Capital Funding	N/A
One off cost <input type="checkbox"/>	Ongoing cost <input type="checkbox"/>	Saving Proposal <input type="checkbox"/>	Income generation proposal <input type="checkbox"/>

Required information to be completed by Financial/Legal/ICT/ HR partners:

1. Finance Advice:

Grants totalling c£11m have been received by Bristol City Council to help reduce the spread of coronavirus and support local public health initiatives in respect of outbreak management, testing and support in relation to isolation and supporting vulnerable people. The interventions highlighted in the Local Outbreak Management Plan will be funded from these grant monies and it is likely that further grant monies will be received before the end of the financial year.

Grant	Amount £
Test and Trace Support Grant - Local Outbreak Management Plan (LOMP)	3,032,572
Local Authority Compliance & Enforcement Grant (LACE) Grant	282,752
Community Testing Programme Grant	228,060
Clinically Extremely Vulnerable Grant	210,970
Contain Outbreak Management Fund (COMF)	3,707,016
COMF Grant - Additional December	1,621,820
COMF Grant Additional January	1,853,508
TOTAL	10,936,698

As the Local Outbreak Management Plan indicates in section ten Resources, it is important that there is resilience in the local system for at least the next 12 months, to manage outbreaks should they occur. The Contain Outbreak Management funding can be carried forward (to 2021/22) to assist with this. However, any related spending must comply with the conditions of the grant. Any unspent funding at the end of 2021/22 is expected to be clawed back.

Finance Business Partner: Denise Hunt, 12.3.21		
2. Legal Advice: The updated Local Outbreak management plan is in line with the detailed Government guidance on the responsibilities for Local Authorities as set out in the COVID-19 contain framework: a guide for local decision-makers.		
Legal Team Leader: Nancy Rollason 18th March 2021		
3. Implications on IT: No anticipated impact on IT services		
IT Team Leader: Simon Oliver 12/03/21		
4. HR Advice: The report seeks approval for the updated Local Outbreak Management Plan which does not have any HR implications for Bristol City Council employees.		
HR Partner: Lorna Laing 10/03/21		
5. Procurement Advice: No implications for procurement from this report		
Category Manager: Niotia Fergusson 11/03/21		
EDM Sign-off	Hugh Evans	13/03/21
Cabinet Member sign-off	Cllr Asher Craig	8/03/21
For Key Decisions - Mayor's Office sign-off	Mayor's Office	15/03/21

Appendix A – Further essential background / detail on the proposal	yes
Appendix B – Details of consultation carried out - internal and external	NO
Appendix C – Summary of any engagement with scrutiny	NO
Appendix D – Risk assessment	NO
Appendix E – Equalities screening / impact assessment of proposal	YES
Appendix F – Eco-impact screening/ impact assessment of proposal	NO
Appendix G – Financial Advice	NO
Appendix H – Legal Advice	NO
Appendix I – Exempt Information	No
Appendix J – HR advice	NO
Appendix K – ICT	NO
Appendix L – Procurement	NO