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Title: Buckinghamshire Covid-19 Health Impact Assessment and Health and Wellbeing Recovery Plan Priorities

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Report for information/decision or approval: *For information and action from members to help develop the recovery plan further.*

Recommendations:

- The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to note the high level findings from the Health Impact Assessment and approve the emerging priorities of the Health and Wellbeing Recovery plan.
- Health and Wellbeing Board members are asked to contribute to the recovery plan and define the actions their organisations will take to support the priorities in the HWB Recovery plan.

Partners are asked to contribute to the plan in the following priority areas

- Build on the current plans for keeping all people safe during Covid 19.
- Build on the mental health response to Covid 19 to enhance mental health promotion and support for recovery.
- Develop a system wide plan to reduce existing health inequalities and Covid related health inequalities.
- Develop a system wide approach to improving and maintaining healthy behaviours during the pandemic and beyond.
- Co-design with the Community Boards, Primary Care Networks and voluntary sector partners a community-based approach to build capacity for healthy recovery and resilience.
- Apply a health in all policy for recovery plans across the system.
- Ensure other recovery plans address the education gap and promote inclusive economic recovery.
- **The Board is asked to consider what measures it could take to monitor the ongoing impact of COVID and progress towards recovery particularly for groups most affected by COVID.**

Summary

- 1.1 The COVID-19 pandemic has had a major impact on every aspect of our lives. As well as the direct impacts of COVID-19 disease, the social distancing and lockdown

measures have had a huge impact on the lives and livelihoods of people. This in turn can have a profound impact on population health and wellbeing in the short term and for many years after the pandemic has ended.

- 1.2 To gain insights on the experiences and impacts of the pandemic on the local population a health impact assessment (HIA) was conducted to inform our response and recovery plans.
- 1.3 This presentation presents the high level findings from the local HIA and the health and wellbeing recovery priorities in Buckinghamshire.

Consultation and communication

- 1.4 Various engagement methods have been used to collate views and insights, including a resident survey 'Coronavirus and You' which ran from 8th July to 5th August. School children studying in Buckinghamshire Schools were also surveyed as part of an Oxford University study commissioned by a range of local authority partners including Buckinghamshire. Early analysis of these results will be added to the impact assessment and recovery plan.
- 1.5 Interviews were undertaken with voluntary sector organisations and residents from key groups including those with mental health problems, Black Asian and minority ethnic group communities and travellers.
- 1.6 A wide range of stakeholders contributed including officers from Buckinghamshire Council from teams including Public Health, Communications, Integrated Commissioning, Children's Services, Housing and Environment, Communities. NHS partners were engaged through the clinical harms group and other working groups. Council members were surveyed and a selection of councilors interviewed.

Further Information

Next steps and review

A system wide draft health and wellbeing recovery plan is being developed. The high level priorities are included in the accompanying presentation. The detailed plan will be written with partners and return to the Health and Wellbeing Board for sign off.

Background papers

[COVID-19: review of disparities in risks and outcomes - GOV.UK](#)

If you have any questions about the matters contained in this report, please get in touch with the author of this report. This can be done via email jane.ogrady@buckinghamshire.gov.uk