

REPORT TO: Health Policy & Performance Board

DATE: 23 February, 2021

REPORTING OFFICER: Director - Public Health and Protection

PORTFOLIO: Health and Wellbeing

SUBJECT: Public Health response to COVID-19
Coronavirus

WARD(S) Borough-wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To update the Board on the public health response to COVID-19 Coronavirus with a presentation covering the most recent data; latest update on Halton outbreak support team activity, Testing and Vaccination.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That:

The presentation be noted.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 This public health response is dynamic and in order to provide the most up to date information a presentation will be provided.

3.2 The presentation will cover the most recent COVID-19 Coronavirus figures for Halton. An update on how the Halton outbreak support team are working to successfully identify and manage local outbreaks and the presentation will also detail the most recent information on testing and vaccination for people in Halton.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no specific implications in respect of Council policy.

5.0 OTHER/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There is ring fenced allocated funding for outbreak response.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

6.1 Children & Young People in Halton

The outbreak response will protect the health of children and young people in Halton.

6.2 **Employment, Learning & Skills in Halton**

N/A

6.3 **A Healthy Halton**

The outbreak response will protect the health of people in Halton.

6.4 **A Safer Halton**

The outbreak response will protect the health of people in Halton.

6.5 **Halton's Urban Renewal**

None identified at present.

7.0 **RISK ANALYSIS**

7.1 The outbreak response team will reduce the risk to local people from an outbreak.

8.0 **EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

8.1 There are no equality or diversity issues as a result of the actions outlined in the presentation, however among people already diagnosed with COVID-19, people who were 80 or older were seventy times more likely to die than those under 40. Risk of dying among those diagnosed with COVID-19 was also higher in males than females; higher in those living in the more deprived areas than those living in the least deprived; and higher in those from minority ethnic groups, in particular those of Black and Asian heritage.

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

9.1 None under the meaning of the Act.