

## **Committee: Healthier Communities and Older People Overview and Scrutiny Panel**

**Date: 21 July 2021**

Wards: ALL

### **Subject: Nomination for membership of Community Subgroup of the Health and Wellbeing Board**

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Lead Councillor: Councillor Peter McCabe, Chair of the Healthier Communities and Older People Overview and Scrutiny Panel.

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#### **Recommendations:**

- A. The Panel are asked to nominate a representative to the Community Subgroup of the Health and Wellbeing Board.

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#### **1 PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Director of Public Health will provide a brief verbal update on the work undertaken to establish a new sub-committee of the Health and Wellbeing Board on COVID-19 outbreak control.

#### **2 DETAILS**

- 2.1. The Health and Wellbeing Board is overseeing Merton's Covid-19 outbreak control plan implementation. In order to facilitate further community engagement and make sure that outbreak protection and control will benefit the whole community and reduce disproportionate Covid-19 impact, the HWBB has agreed to set up a Community Subgroup.
- 2.2. It will consist of core board members, including councillor members and some additional diverse nominees with the right skills and community connections. The Subgroup is proposed to be chaired by the Health and Wellbeing Board Chair and will meet monthly, with the first meeting planned for beginning of August to be prepared for potential outbreaks and / or second wave of Covid-19 in the autumn/winter. We are seeking a nominee from the Healthier Communities and Older People Overview and Scrutiny Panel.

#### **3 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

The Healthier Communities and Older People Overview and Scrutiny Panel can select topics for scrutiny review and for other scrutiny work as it sees fit, taking into account views and suggestions from officers, partner organisations and the public.

**4 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN OR PROPOSED**

4.1. The Panel will be consulted at the meeting

**5 TIMETABLE**

5.1. None relating to this covering report

**6 FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS**

6.1. None relating to this covering report

**7 LEGAL AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS**

7.1. None relating to this covering report. Scrutiny work involves consideration of the legal and statutory implications of the topic being scrutinised.

**8 HUMAN RIGHTS, EQUALITIES AND COMMUNITY COHESION IMPLICATIONS**

8.1. It is a fundamental aim of the scrutiny process to ensure that there is full and equal access to the democratic process through public involvement and engaging with local partners in scrutiny reviews. Furthermore, the outcomes of reviews are intended to benefit all sections of the local community.

**9 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS**

9.1. None relating to this covering report. Scrutiny work involves consideration of the crime and disorder implications of the topic being scrutinised.

**10 RISK MANAGEMENT AND HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS**

10.1. None relating to this covering report

**11 APPENDICES – THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS ARE TO BE PUBLISHED WITH THIS REPORT AND FORM PART OF THE REPORT**

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**12 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

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