

Committee: Health and Wellbeing Board Community Subgroup

Date: 14 September 2021

Wards: All

Subject: Health and Wellbeing Board Community Subgroup Extension

Lead officer: Dr Dagmar Zeuner, Director of Public Health

Lead member: Councillor Rebecca Lanning, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health

Contact officer: Clarissa Larsen, Health and Wellbeing Board Partnership Manager

Recommendations:

- A. To agree to an extension of the Health and Wellbeing Board Community Subgroup to 1st March 2022.
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1 PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To propose to members that the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWBB) Community Subgroup extend meeting to 1st March 2022.

2 BACKGROUND

In September 2020, Merton Health and Wellbeing Board agreed to establish a time limited Community Subgroup in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Subgroup focus was on those experiencing a disproportionate impact of COVID-19 and work in partnership to both understand and help address this inequality.

3 DETAILS

- 3.1. The Community Subgroup met for the first time, in public, on 4 August 2020, originally planned as fixed term to end in April 2021. However, the Subgroup agreed to continue to meet until August 2021 with renewed focus on vaccination equity.
- 3.2. It is now proposed that the Subgroup continues for a further three meetings to March 2022 with a dual focus on:
- (i) The ongoing vaccination programme, including children and young people, the booster and flu vaccines, and helping to identify those not yet vaccinated and how they can be engaged, encouraged and supported.
 - (ii) Post Covid Syndrome (previously referred to as long Covid) and specifically its link to wider inequalities, to help identify opportunities for engagement and action to address this and promote wider health equity and wellbeing across all communities.

3.3 Taking account of LB Merton's existing Corporate Calendar and core HWBB meetings, the planned additional dates for future Community Subgroup meetings are:

- Tuesday 19 October 5.00 – 6.30pm
- Tuesday 14 December 5.00 – 6.30pm
- Tuesday 1 March 5.00 – 6.30pm

All Subgroup meetings are currently planned to be virtual via Zoom and will be live streamed to the public.

4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

The alternative option is for the Subgroup to have its final meeting on 14 September. This would not allow for the continued partnership work to help support the ongoing vaccination programme and impacts of Post Covid Syndrome.

5 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN OR PROPOSED

Subject to the view of Subgroup, members the core HWBB will be consulted, and asked to agree to the extension, when it meets on 28 September.

6 TIMETABLE

The Community Subgroup will meet for an extended period up to March 2022 at dates included in this report.

7 FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS

N/A

8 LEGAL AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

The Community Subgroup will report to the statutory Merton Health and Wellbeing Board.

9 HUMAN RIGHTS, EQUALITIES AND COMMUNITY COHESION IMPLICATIONS

The focus of the Community Subgroup is on promoting health and wider equity across Merton's communities.

10 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

N/A

11 RISK MANAGEMENT AND HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

N/A

12 APPENDICES

None