

**REPORT OF THE
Leader/Cabinet
PART II**

1. LOCAL OUTBREAK ENGAGEMENT BOARD AND HEALTH PROTECTION BOARD

- 1.1 The Local Outbreak Engagement Board (LOEB) was established on 14 July 2020 as a Sub-Committee of Cabinet, as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. The purpose of the LOEB was to provide Member-led political oversight of the County Council's response to the Covid-19 pandemic and engagement with local communities. At the same time, Cabinet agreed the establishment of an Officer-led Health Protection Board (HPB) chaired by the Director of Public Health. The purpose of the HPB was to provide strategic oversight and management of the Covid-19 pandemic in Hampshire, accountable to Gold Command and the LOEB.
- 1.2 The future of the LOEB and the HPB was considered by Cabinet at its meeting on 21 June 2022. Cabinet considered that it was no longer necessary to have a dedicated Sub-Committee of Cabinet, and that the purposes of the LOEB could more effectively be discharged by Cabinet itself as a whole on a business-as-usual basis. The LOEB has accordingly been disbanded. Cabinet determined that the HPB should however continue as a discreet body, given its overall responsibility for strategic oversight of Public Health communicable disease and contagion outbreaks, reporting to CMT and Cabinet as required.

2. CABINET SUB-COMMITTEE – ECONOMIC GROWTH AND RECOVERY

- 2.1 At its meeting on 21 June 2022, Cabinet also revised Membership of the existing Cabinet Sub-Committee on Economic Growth and Recovery, which had been established by Cabinet to provide clarity of focus for the County Council and its stakeholders with regard to its duties on economic development generally, and particularly in the context of recovery from the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic. Membership of the Cabinet Sub-Committee on Economic Growth and Recovery now comprises: the Executive Member for Policy, Resources and Economic Development, the Deputy Leader and Executive Lead Member for Children's Services, the Executive Member for Commercial Strategy, Estates and Property and the Executive Lead Member for Transport and Environment Strategy.

3. HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE SYSTEM RESILIENCE

- 3.1 At its meeting on 21 June 2022, Cabinet were given an overview and update on key activities and issues related to acute hospital system resilience throughout the period of response to COVID-19. The situation had been and

remains incredibly challenging and dynamic in terms of the issues faced and the response required. At the meeting,

3.2 Cabinet supported:

- i. The continuation of services and efforts to support effective discharge pathways in order to maintain and build on progress and performance described in this report and in-line with the Health and Care Act (Royal Assent April 28) and the accompanying White Paper - Integration and Innovation: working together to improve health and social care for all, published on 11 February 2021.
- ii. All efforts to recognise and secure continued funding to support the health and care system to avoid admission and support discharges to enable our exemplary local efforts, described in this report, to support our residents and the efficiency and efficacy of NHS services.

3.3 Cabinet also noted:

- iii. Overall performance remains strong and still within the most extraordinary circumstances to support residents to be discharged from hospital settings and return to their appropriate place of residence or optimum place of suitable care.
- iv. The efforts of all staff and partner organisations working across the two ICSs in maintaining safe, appropriate and resilient discharge pathways, within a new national operating framework, introduced at pace since 2020 are being maintained as our operating framework (at surge capability) continues to prove to be resilient and responsive. Significant operating challenges present themselves as national discharge funding falls away – but ever resilient, the partner discussions are turning quickly to what can be funded locally or where appropriate to reduce service levels with a continued emphasis on timely hospital discharges and flow.
- v. The operating landscape and culture of health and care has changed beyond measure, as a consequence of COVID-19 and an ambition to see provision, relationships and outcomes described in this report continue unabated, in line with the Council's approach to supporting our residents.

Further details can be found at the link below:

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