Bath & North East Somerset Council

MEETING/ DECISION MAKER:	**Cabinet**	
MEETING	**02/07/2020**	EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN REFERENCE:
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TITLE:	**RULE 16 - Covid19 Local Outbreak Management Plan (LOMP)**	
WARD:	All	
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1 THE ISSUE

1.1 As part of the national response to Covid-19, all Local Authorities are asked to have an agreed LOMP in place by the end of June 2020. This report has been recommended as fit for adoption by the Health and Wellbeing Board at its meeting on 23rd June 2020

2 RECOMMENDATION

The Cabinet is asked to:

2.1 Accept the Covid-19 Local Outbreak Management Plan as a suitable framework plan on which to base further planning of the local response to this pandemic.

2.2 Commit the Council to providing local leadership during this period of crisis, working with communities and other stakeholders in order to protect the health, wellbeing and prosperity of people in Bath and North East Somerset.

2.3 Commit to the provision of adequate material support for the implementation of this plan, while also taking into account other Council needs and pressures. (This is a commitment in principle: the framework plan does not detail any specific requests, but these will follow and be subject to separate decision making processes).

3 THE REPORT: ATTACHED

4 STATUTORY CONSIDERATIONS

4.1 The Council's role in responding to this outbreak derives from its role as a Category 1 responder under the Civil Contingencies Act of 2004. Further regulations concerning this outbreak have derived from the Coronavirus Act of 2020.

4.2 This decision is to be made under Part 4B Rule 16 of the Council's Constitution as an urgent decision. This matter is urgent because of the expectation that the Council would need to have an agreed plan in place for the beginning of July 2020 in light of the Covid19 pandemic.

5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCE, PROPERTY, PEOPLE)

5.1 There are no specific resource commitments in this report. However, there will be a need for a modest number of new posts to meet possible increases in case numbers and outbreaks, and potentially also for equipment for viral testing.

5.2 A sum of £849.000 has been allocated to BaNES Council for directly responding to Covid-19 and supporting testing and tracing and community engagement. A share of this will be sought in implementing the LOMP.

6 RISK MANAGEMENT

6.1 A risk assessment related to the issue and recommendations has been undertaken, in compliance with the Council's decision-making risk management guidance.

7 CLIMATE CHANGE

7.1 This pandemic has had profound effects on all aspects of life throughout the world, on a scale unprecedented in peacetime in modern times. Some of these effects have had an extreme short-term effect on reducing fossil fuel emissions from transport and industry, and some of these effects may prove to be sustainable in the long term.

7.2 Bath and North East Somerset Council is seeking to find opportunities in the range of economic and social changes enforced or encouraged by this pandemic to move towards a more sustainable and low carbon economy.

7.3 However any event with such widespread effects on economies and lifestyles, which will differ greatly across the world, will have complex and unpredictable ramifications, and so it is impossible to say whether the overall impact will prove to be positive or negative in relation to climate change in the long term

8 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

8.1 N/A

9 CONSULTATION

9.1 The report has been agreed by the 151 officer, the monitoring officer, the Cabinet member for Health, the chair of the relevant PDS panel and the council's Chief Executive.

9.2 The plan was endorsed by the BaNES Health and Wellbeing Board on 23rd June 2020.

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Background papers	

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