

COVID 19 RESPOSNE AND RECOVERY TASK AND FINISH GROUP (PEOPLE)

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| Purpose of the Group | <p>The review has been instigated by the Scrutiny Committee as a result of the current National Emergency and the need to adapt existing policy and practice and develop new policy and processes in order to provide a focused response to support the residents of the Borough during this time.</p> <p>The Group will explore evidence in relation to the topics below in order to establish if the current or planned response to the Covid-19 pandemic will meet the needs of the residents of the Borough and whether anything could be done differently or in addition to the current/planned response.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. <u>Finance</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unemployment and welfare benefits (Incl. debt and Universal Credit) • Homelessness ii. <u>Health</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental Health (Social Isolation and digital exclusion) • Physical health and wellbeing (Director for Public Health Report on Covid-19 impact on BAME) iii. <u>Community</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support Services (Council Services/External Organisations/Voluntary Sector) • Anti-social behaviour and community tensions |
| Anticipated Outcomes | <p>The Task and Finish Group will collate and analyse evidence in order to identify lessons learnt and any areas of weakness in the response to the Covid-19 pandemic</p> <p>The Group will provide recommendations and identify areas of best practice which might inform and improve the current response to the Covid-19 pandemic and also provide a template for dealing with any future similar emergency situation</p> |
| How often will the Group meet | <p>September 2020 (Scoping) October 2020 (Finance) December 2020 (Health) February 2021 (Community) March 2021 (Findings and recommendations)</p> |
| Anticipated timescale for completion | April 2021 |
| Membership of the Group | <p>Chair of Scrutiny Committee 4 other members of Scrutiny Committee</p> |
| What information shall be required to inform the Group | <p>Government guidance / legislation/Service plans and policy/Performance Indicators/Evidence Peer Group and other local authorities/Independent research articles and papers/Contribution from Stakeholders and Partnership Groups</p> |
| What support arrangements are required? | <p>The Director for Housing and Communities and the Democratic Services Officer will support the review and draw additional support from within their teams as appropriate.</p> |
| How often will the Group update Scrutiny Committee | An interim update will be provided to the Scrutiny Committee in December |