

Scrutiny Recommendations: Stage 1

Committee	Meeting Date	Agenda Item	Conclusion	Recommendation	Cabinet Lead	Officer Lead
Joint Meeting of Scrutiny & Overview Committee and Health & Social Care Sub-Committee	26 May 2020	Update on Covid-19 response	The Committee recognised that the potential shortfall in Government funding for Covid-19 expenses represented an area of extreme uncertainty for the Council and agreed that all avenues should be explored to lobby the Government to provide clarity over funding. The Committee agreed that it would write to the local MPs and the Government outlining concerns about the uncertainty over funding.	That all avenues to lobby the Government to meet its funding promises on Covid-19 are explored.	The Leader	Jo Negrini
Joint Meeting of Scrutiny & Overview Committee and Health & Social Care Sub-Committee	26 May 2020	Update on Covid-19 response	The Committee commended the proactive response taken by the Council to address the financial uncertainty including undertaking a financial review. It was agreed that the review should be as transparent as possible, with any savings identified as part of the review accompanied by a thorough impact assessment and risk analysis proportionate to the size of the saving. Any significant change to service provision should also be subject to extensive consultation prior to implementation.	That the review of the Council's finances be undertaken transparently with:- a. All savings accompanied by thorough impact and risk assessments, proportionate to the size of the saving. b. That any significant changes to service provision are subject to extensive consultation.	Simon Hall	Lisa Taylor

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Joint Meeting of Scrutiny & Overview Committee and Health & Social Care Sub-Committee	26 May 2020	Update on Covid-19 response	The partnership work between the Community & Voluntary Sector and the Council in supporting the most vulnerable sections of the community during the Covid-19 crisis was commended. It was recognised that there was an opportunity to learn from the partnership work during the crisis to inform the future relationship between the Council and the Community & Voluntary Sector, particularly in providing support for smaller grassroots organisations through encouraging partnership funding bids and the sharing of resources.	That the lesson learnt from working in partnership with the Community and Voluntary Sector during the Covid-19 crisis be used to inform the Council's future relationship with the sector.	Hamida Ali	Gavin Handford
Joint Meeting of Scrutiny & Overview Committee and Health & Social Care Sub-Committee	26 May 2020	Update on Covid-19 response	The Committee welcomed the reassurance given by Healthcare colleagues that they were aware of and making plans to manage a significant rise in mental health issues as the borough moved to the recovery stage of the crisis. The Committee agreed to recommend that mental health services should be one of the priorities for the Council as well moving forward.	That support for mental health provision be a priority as the borough moved into the recovery phase of the Covid-19 crisis	Jane Avis/Alisa Flemming	Guy Van Dichele/Robert Henderson

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Joint Meeting of Scrutiny & Overview Committee and Health & Social Care Sub-Committee	26 May 2020	Update on Covid-19 response	The Committee recognised that there had been a need to proactively prepare contingency plans for potential staff shortages during the crisis. However there was unease that this had included contacting vulnerable residents to discuss reducing care packages as any such request may have been agreed by a resident from a sense of community obligation and to their own detriment.	That a response be provided to the Health & Social Care Sub-Committee to confirm how many people accepted reduced care packages, how many reductions were actually implemented, the end date of an reduced packages and what measures were put in place to safeguard the individuals who accept a reduced care package.	Jane Avis	Guy Van Dichele
Joint Meeting of Scrutiny & Overview Committee and Health & Social Care Sub-Committee	26 May 2020	Update on Covid-19 response	As the existing data indicated that Covid-19 had disproportionately affected certain socio-economic and ethnic groups in the borough, the Committee agreed that a greater level of granularity in the data was needed to gain an exact understanding of the impact of the virus.	That work be undertaken to obtain data on a granular level of the impact from Covid-19 on communities across the borough.	Jane Avis	Rachel Flowers
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Joint Meeting of Scrutiny & Overview Committee and Health & Social Care Sub-Committee	26 May 2020	Update on Covid-19 response	Although the Committee was reassured that a thorough system of testing was now in place for care home residents being released from hospital back to their homes, it was agreed that a review should be undertaken of hospital discharge throughout the crisis to capture any lessons learnt.	That a review be undertaken of the hospital discharge of care home residents throughout the Covid-19 crisis to capture lessons learnt.	Jane Avis	Guy Van Dichele
Joint Meeting of Scrutiny & Overview Committee and Health & Social Care Sub-Committee	26 May 2020	Update on Covid-19 response	The Committee remained concerned about the tracking of vulnerable young people whose carers (and in some cases the young people themselves) had not responded or not responded satisfactorily to contact from education and Social Care professionals. The Committee agreed that this item would be referred to the Children & Young People Sub-Committee to scrutinise in greater detail at their meeting on 23 June 2020, and in the interim asked that the Executive Director provide more particulars about the process.	That detailed information be provided to the members of the Scrutiny and Overview Committee on the steps taken by education and social care professionals to track vulnerable young people throughout the Covid-19 lockdown.	Alisa Flemming	Robert Henderson