

COVID-19 EMERGENCY PLANNING HIGHLIGHT REPORT

SERVICE AREAS:	BID DIRECTORATE PCC (Business Intelligence, Strategic Programmes, Commercial and Financial Improvement Programme)
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NEW GUIDANCE AND IMPACT

The Department of Health and Social has issued a number of sets of guidance on the methodology for managing Test and Trace data and for reporting the number of deaths and case of coronavirus. The Business Intelligence Team has developed the Council's data sets and reporting in line with this guidance and has participated in the development of the Health Protection Board Surveillance Cell to ensure that all data from national, local and NHS sources are brought together to inform clear and decisive decision making to prevent, identify and control outbreaks.

New guidance from the Government's Cultural Renewal and Recreation and Leisure Taskforces about reopening of sports and cultural facilities is expected w/c 22nd June. This will have an impact on the timing, delivery model and funding mechanisms for reopening for services transferring from Vivacity.

NEW CHALLENGES AND ACTIVITY

There is significant ongoing activity in response to COVID-19 in all areas of the directorate alongside critical business as usual activity. New activity in this period has included:

Business Intelligence:

- Participated in and supported the development of the Health Protection Board Surveillance Cell
- Produced briefings on benefit claimants and furloughed people
- Produced analysis of usage of C19 block beds for discharge
- Produced analysis of DfE schools data and put in place semi-automated spreadsheet for monitoring
- Produced analysis of the number of Adult Social Care service users affected by C19

Strategic Programmes:

- Transport – the new route optimisation tool has been implemented and the tender for Independent Travel Training is live.
- Financial Improvement Programme – governance of savings delivery has been reviewed in light of savings and income impaired by C19.

Commercial

- Vivacity – following a considerable period of discussion and support, Vivacity and PCC have reached a reluctant but mutual agreement that, due to the long term effects of the Coronavirus pandemic, the Vivacity Trust will not be in a position to deliver services for the council post lockdown. As a result the Trust gave notice on Thursday, June 18th that it is unable to deliver the current contract due to lockdown and COVID restrictions beginning a 90 day period to manage the transition. The council has already begun a review of the services to consider how they might be delivered in the future –either by the council alone, or in partnership with others.

RECOVERY ACTIVITY

All Directorates have completed and returned a response, recovery and redesign template and these are being coordinated through the PCC and CCC Recovery Board. The first Recovery Board met on 10th June and completed a 'deep dive' to support the Care Home Resilience and Recovery strategy.

A cross council group is coordinating 'return to workplace' activity to ensure that teams continue to be supported to work safely and effectively. Requests are being reviewed for those services who wish to return to office space, or reopen premises. Work is ongoing to develop appropriate policies and procedures to manage safe returns in line with central guidance.

DECISIONS MADE SINCE LAST REPORTING PERIOD

Governance of Recovery work and link to budget agreed by Joint Management Team and Service Directors and recommended to Cabinet on 22nd June.

NEW FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS SINCE LAST REPORTING PERIOD

BID teams are working closely with Finance to forecast and monitor impact on the MTFS from increased demand and impaired income.

An officer group, chaired by the BID Director, is working through the financial and operational implications of Vivacity's contract notice and resulting transition activities.

WORKFORCE CHANGES

No change

COMMUNICATIONS

No change