

**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**CABINET**

**8 October 2020**

**Report of the Director for Public Health**

**REVIEW OF URGENT OFFICER DECISIONS  
TAKEN TO SUPPORT COVID-19 RESPONSE THAT HAVE BEEN IN PLACE  
FOR LONGER THAN EIGHT WEEKS**

**HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES**

**1. Purpose of the Report:**

The purpose of the report is to provide Cabinet with an update in relation to those actions which were the subject of Officer's Decisions utilising emergency decision making powers as detailed in the constitution.

**2. Information and Analysis:**

The current challenges relating to the COVID-19 pandemic have necessitated urgent decision making processes by the Executive Director for Adult Social Care and Health and Director of Public Health to be implemented to ensure the welfare of service users and the public and to safeguard the interests of the Council. The decisions have been made under the urgent delegated powers to Executive Directors as set out in the Constitution.

All urgent decisions made relating to Public Health were made in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Health and Communities, and Cabinet were informed of the decisions made on 23 April 2020.

At the 4 June 2020 Cabinet meeting it was agreed that Cabinet would formally delegate review decisions to the relevant Cabinet Member meeting as these were meetings held in public, virtually if necessary, in order to ensure maximum transparency. This process was put in place from 8 July 2020 with the Cabinet Member reviewing decisions on a fortnightly basis. Prior to this, all decisions were reviewed on a regular basis by the Cabinet Member for Health and Communities in conjunction with the Director of Public Health. As outlined in the report to Cabinet on 4 June it is a requirement that a summary of review decisions made by Cabinet members will be reported to Cabinet every two months. The first report reviewing urgent decisions made in relation to the Public Health department was approved by Cabinet on 30 July.

As a further safeguard any significant reductions in service that have been reviewed and substantially maintained over any eight week period will be referred to Cabinet as soon as possible after the eight week period for ratification.

There are no Officer Decisions relating to Public Health that have been in place for a period of 8 weeks or more and that require to remain in place for a further eight week period.

The following table contains a summary of the Public Health decisions that remained in place at the time of the last report to Cabinet on 30 July, and are now no longer subject to ongoing fortnightly review by the Cabinet Member for Health and Communities.

**Summary of officer decision record reviews for decisions that are no longer subject to review**

<b>Officer Decision</b>	<b>Reason why decision no longer subject to review</b>
School Crossing Patrol service provision (PHODR1); Live Life Better Derbyshire Service provision (PHODR2); Suspension of Local Area Co-ordination Service (PHODR4); Suspension of 50+ Forums (PHODR5); Suspension of Safe Places (PHODR6); Suspension of Time Swap service (PHODR7); Suspension of First Contact Service (PHODR8); Suspension of Disability Employment Service (PHODR9); Suspension of Pension Credit Service (PHODR11)	<p>The COVID19 pandemic has resulted in the implementation of national guidance for social distancing, social isolation and the closure, and subsequent re-opening, of schools. In light of these requirements changes have been made to the delivery model for Public Health services, including the suspension of some services.</p> <p>Changes to the delivery of Public Health services were approved by the Director of Public Health and the Executive Director for Adult Social Care and Health following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Health and Communities in March/April 2020, and subsequently reviewed by Cabinet on 23 April 2020.</p> <p>The decision has been reviewed by the Director of Public Health and Cabinet Member for Health and Communities on 11 May, 1 June, and 22 June. The decision has been reviewed at Cabinet Member for Health and Communities meetings on 8 and 22 July, 3 and 21 August, and 4 and 17 September. The decision was reviewed at Cabinet on 30 July.</p> <p>An Equalities Impact Assessment has been completed in relation to the ongoing implementation and operationalisation of this decision, and this was reviewed by Cabinet on 4 June 2020.</p>

	<p>Delivery of Public Health services continues to be affected due to the impact of COVID19. Due to the ongoing restrictions in place to mitigate the risk of community transmission of COVID19, it is highly unlikely that delivery of Public Health services will return, in the near future, to the delivery models in place prior to the onset of the pandemic. However, all Public Health delivered services have a revised service model in place, or have adapted their delivery focus to support Derbyshire residents who are most clinically and socially vulnerable as a result of COVID19.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Health and Communities approved on 17 September the continuation of current service delivery models for Public Health services, and for any subsequent changes to service models to be considered at future Cabinet Member meetings, thus negating the need for a fortnightly review.</p>
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### **3. Financial Considerations:**

As part of the urgent officer decision-making process, regard has been had to financial implications and these are detailed where appropriate on the original Officer Decisions.

### **4. Human Resources Considerations:**

As part of the urgent officer decision-making process, regard has been had to human resources implications and these are detailed where appropriate on the original Officer Decisions.

### **5. Legal Considerations:**

The reviews of the Officer Decisions made under powers delegated to officers in accordance with the Constitution have ensured that timely consideration is given to the necessity and proportionality of the continuation of those actions outlined in the Officer Decision Records.

### **6. Equality implications:**

As part of the urgent officer decision making process, regard has been had to equality implications. A consolidated Equality Impact Assessment was reported to the 4 June 2020 Cabinet meeting.

## **7. Other Considerations:**

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: Social Value, Human Rights, equality of opportunity, health, environmental, transport, property, social value and crime and disorder considerations.

## **8. Background Papers:**

- Officer Decision Records considered by Cabinet on 23 April 2020
- Decision making process during Covid Epidemic – report to Cabinet 4 June 2020
- Equality Impact Assessment – urgent decisions in relation to Council Services, Functions and Assistance – report to Cabinet 4 June 2020
- Review of urgent decision of changes to delivery of Public Health-delivered services – report to Cabinet Member for Health and Communities 8 July 2020
- Review of urgent decision of changes to delivery of Public Health-delivered services – report to Cabinet Member for Health and Communities 22 July 2020
- Review of urgent officer decisions taken to support COVID19 response that have been in place for longer than eight weeks – report to Cabinet 30 July 2020
- Review of urgent decision of changes to delivery of Public Health-delivered services – report to Cabinet Member for Health and Communities 3 August 2020
- Review of urgent decision of changes to delivery of Public Health-delivered services – report to Cabinet Member for Health and Communities 21 August 2020
- Review of urgent decision of changes to delivery of Public Health-delivered services – report to Cabinet Member for Health and Communities 4 September 2020
- Review of urgent decision of changes to delivery of Public Health-delivered services – report to Cabinet Member for Health and Communities 17 September 2020
- Public Health SMT reports – held on file and available on request

## **9. Key Decision:**

As indicated in reports

## **10. Call-in:**

Is it required that the Call-in period be waived in respect of the decisions being proposed within this report?

No

**11. Officer's Recommendation**

Cabinet is asked to note the review of decisions made under urgent delegated powers arising from the COVID-19 Pandemic.

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