

Present: Vice-Chair Councillor Nigel Ball (NB), Dr. Rupert Suckling (RS), Councillor Jane Cox (JC) Deputy Mayor Councillor Glyn Jones (GJ), Councillor Chris McGuinness (CM), Councillor Jane Nightingale, Councillor Andy Pickering (AP), Paul O'Brien (Po'B) Adrian Platts (AP) and Fiona Campbell (FC).

Officers: Scott Fawcus (SF), Laurie Mott (LM), Carys Williams (CW) and Rachel Wright (note taker).

Apologies: Mayor Ros Jones (RJ) Councillor Nuala Fennelly (NF), Damian Allen (DA), Jackie Pederson (JP), Shayne Tottie (ST) and Daniel Fell (DF).

	Action
<p>1. Welcome, apologies and introduction – Vice-Chair – Nigel Ball</p> <p>Councillor Nigel Ball welcomed all those present at the meeting.</p>	
<p>2. Exclusion of the public and press – Vice-Chair – Nigel Ball</p> <p>The Board agreed that there were no items on the agenda that the public and press should be excluded from.</p>	
<p>3. Public Statements and Questions – Vice-Chair – Nigel Ball</p> <p>Councillor Nigel Ball noted there were no questions received from members of the public.</p>	
<p>4. Declarations of interest – Vice-Chair – Nigel Ball</p> <p>There were no declarations of interest made at the meeting.</p>	
<p>5. Minutes of the last meeting held on 20th October 2020 – Vice-Chair – Nigel Ball</p> <p>It was agreed that the minutes of the Doncaster COVID-19 Oversight Board held on 23rd September 2020, be approved as a correct record.</p>	
<p>6. COVID-19 National Overview – Dr. Rupert Suckling</p> <p>RS gave a verbal overview of the significant changes made nationally since the last meeting held on 23rd September. There had been an increase in cases across the country primarily the north of England despite the rule of 6. There was an announcement that local authorities would be allocated into 3 tiers. Doncaster placed in tier 2 - high risk on the 14th October, with the added restrictions that the public could no longer meet other households inside homes unless part of a support bubble.</p> <p>Negotiations had taken place between central Government and Local Authorities about additional restrictions, with Liverpool and Lancashire placed in tier 3 very high risk, and discussions with Greater Manchester ongoing. Discussions with large parts of the north including Doncaster as part of South Yorkshire had also taken place about additional measures being required and the financial package of support.</p> <p>Members expressed concerned that the authority needed to go beyond the PHE national guidance in order to contain the spread locally. RS informed Members that as an authority we had scope to do so, the challenges however were trying to keep services running whilst taking appropriate action.</p> <p>Members were reminded that further restrictions may not be imposed on other organisations but there were possibilities within the authority to look at staff testing for those working out in the community, or at depots with hotspots, much like the staff in care homes to help prevent the spread of infection. How this could be done particularly in terms of workplace testing would be discussed with Gill Parker, Head of HR.</p> <p>Members were informed that currently the authority needed support from PHE to bring additional testing into Doncaster and that nationally, local authorities through the Department of Public Health would have access to extra track and trace and testing if moved into tier 3. RS informed the board that due to rising infection levels additional contact tracing was being implemented in Doncaster. This was at cost and risk to the authority as there was no additional funding under</p>	

<p>current tier 2 restrictions. RS advised the board that the authority would continue to lobby to bring in additional testing for Doncaster and for it be under local authority control.</p> <p>Members of the board raised concern about the situation in schools, increasing numbers of students were being diagnosed or isolating and staffing levels were being affected. They felt additional measures such as rotas, group sizes, alternative teaching spaces should be considered. RS recognised the situation in schools and that collectively the authority may want to consider alternative arrangements.</p> <p>RS reassured the board that the testing capacity had significantly improved at testing sights in Doncaster and informed them that the team were asked to map what testing may look like if testing stations were brought in to the 4 localities.</p> <p>It was agreed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • further workplace testing opportunities within the authority be explored with HR. • consider alternative arrangements in schools with Riana Nelson and Leanne Hornsby. • the presentation be noted. 	<p>RS RS</p>
<p>7. What the data is telling us – Laurie Mott</p> <p>LM gave a verbal update on what we know currently using various data streams. To give Members a sense of the increase in Doncaster over the last month, they were informed there had been 4410 confirmed cases in total, of these 1713 in October and 613 in September. The 7-day rate per 100,000 was 244.6 cases, a month ago it was 21.6. LM advised the rate increases were largely driven by the 15-19 age group, but over the last week that had begun to change. 20-24 year olds and 50-54 year age group were now more likely to test positive. This showed evidence it was expanding into other age groups.</p> <p>LM informed the board that an equalities audit had been carried out, making sure testing was equally distributed across the most deprived communities and amongst ethnic minorities. The data had shown there were no equality issues in Doncaster, meaning those groups were accessing testing as frequently as other communities.</p> <p>LM advised that bed occupancy rate in hospital had increased with 115 beds occupied by COVID patients. Almost all of those patients were aged 75+, and there had been 12 deaths in the last week.</p> <p>LM explained there were 110 live incidents in Doncaster. 52 of those incidents in schools, 24 in adult social care settings and 19 within businesses. All of the figures were much higher than the previous month.</p> <p>Members sought clarity on how many people were in hospital because of COVID-19 as opposed to with COVID-19. LM advised the figures were not measured in that way, as the numbers were recorded in order to note whether hospitals would become overwhelmed.</p> <p>It was agreed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • confirmation be sought on whether the numbers of people in hospital with COVID-19 could be broken down differently to show those with COVID-19 and those admitted because of COVID-19. • the presentation be noted. 	<p>LM</p>
<p>8. COVID Health Protection Board Risks - RS</p> <p>RS presented the Doncaster COVID Control Board Threat and Risk Assessment report and gave the board an overview of each of the 5 high-risk areas the COVID Control Board manages. RS informed Members that additional resources would be helpful to reduce the impacts further, the authority would not wait for additional resources available under tier 3 restrictions to be implemented, and that work had begun to put them in place.</p> <p>It was agreed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the presentation be noted. 	
<p>9. COVID Control Assurance - RS</p> <p>RS presented to the board the COVID Control Assurance report and explained that as part of the</p>	

<p>regional response to COVID-19 each local authority were to produce a monthly report. This would be tabled at future meetings.</p> <p>It was agreed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the presentation be noted. 	
<p>10. Minutes of the COVID Control Board 7th October – RS</p> <p>RS presented the minutes of the COVID Control Board held on the 7th October. RS drew Members attention to the TCG Update, and explained the remit of the Tactical Coordination Group in an emergency planning situation. It was noted that previously the TCG was chaired by Dr Rupert Suckling. In order for the Director of Public Health and COVID Control Board to manage cases, clusters and outbreaks and the TCG to manage the broader remit, the TCG would be chaired by Gill Gillies, Assistant Director of Environment.</p> <p>Members questioned the composition of the group and whether it would be reviewed. RS explained that as the TCG was being established board membership would be reviewed along with the frequency of CCB meetings.</p> <p>It was agreed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> updated Terms of Reference for COVID Control Board to be tabled at a future meeting. the presentation be noted 	RS
<p>11. Dates and Times of future meetings</p> <p>RS explained that the next meeting was scheduled in 3 weeks, this could be cancelled or as there were likely to many changes in the coming weeks it could be kept, with the view that it would be a relatively short meeting. Dates of future meetings are as follows:</p> <p><u>2020</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wednesday, 11th November 2020, at 3.00 pm Wednesday, 9th December 2020, at 2.00 pm <p><u>2021</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday, 25th January 2021, at 2.00 pm Wednesday, 24th February 2021, at 2.00 pm Monday, 22nd March 2021, at 2.00 pm <p>It was agreed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the next meeting scheduled on Wednesday, 11th November 2020, at 3.00pm to go ahead as planned. the schedule of future meetings be noted 	