

By: Andrew Scott-Clark, Director of Public Health Kent County Council

To: Kent Health and Wellbeing Board, 17 September 2020

Subject: **COVID-19 LOCAL OUTBREAK CONTROL PLAN BRIEFING**

Classification: Unrestricted

Summary:

Kent Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to formally delegate the function of the Local Outbreak Engagement Board to the Kent and Medway Joint Health and Wellbeing Board

1. Introduction

At the last meeting of the Kent and Medway Joint Health and Wellbeing Board on 28th July 2020 the Directors of Public Health for Kent and Medway presented a paper on the COVID-19 LOCAL OUTBREAK CONTROL PLAN. (Attached)

As part of the Department of Health and Social Care's COVID-19 response and recovery strategy, Upper Tier and Unitary Local Authorities in England were mandated to develop a COVID-19 Local Outbreak Control Plan to reduce the spread of the virus. As part of the guidance the Government requires a Local Outbreak Engagement Board to be in place to provide political ownership and public-facing engagement and communication for outbreak response.

For Kent, the oversight and engagement of the Joint Kent and Medway Board is additional to plans we have developed locally to ensure local engagement of Kent County Council Cabinet Members and District Leaders where we have a local situation that requires agile and joined up communication to local people.

The Kent and Medway Joint Health and Wellbeing Board:

- a) agreed, in principle, that the Joint Board should fulfil the role of the Local Outbreak Engagement Board (i.e. to provide political ownership and public-facing engagement and communication for outbreak response) subject to formal agreement of both the Medway and Kent Health and Wellbeing Boards.

- b) recommended to both Councils' Health and Wellbeing Boards that they formally delegate the function of the Local Outbreak Engagement Board (LOEB) to the Joint Board and agree the terms of reference of the LOEB to be fulfilled by this Board

2. Recommendation

- i) The Kent Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to formally agree that the function of Local Outbreak Engagement Board can be delegated to the Kent and Medway Joint Health and Wellbeing Board.

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Appendices

COVID-19 LOCAL OUTBREAK CONTROL PLAN BRIEFING presented to the Kent and Medway Joint Health and Wellbeing Board on 28 July 2020

With 6 appendices