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## Agenda

Name of meeting	<b>LOCAL OUTBREAK ENGAGEMENT BOARD</b>
Date	<b>FRIDAY 3 DECEMBER 2021</b>
Time	<b>12.00 PM</b>
Venue	<b>COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT</b>
Members of the committee	Cllrs L Peacey-Wilcox (Chairman), D Andre, K Love and I Stephens  Democratic Services Officer: Marie Bartlett democratic.services@iow.gov.uk

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1. **Minutes** (Pages 5 - 6)

To confirm as a true record the Minutes of the meeting held on 3 November 2021.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

To invite Members to declare any interest they might have in the matters on the agenda.

3. **Public Question Time - 15 Minutes Maximum**

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4. **Reports of the Local Outbreak Engagement Board**

- (a) Update on current situation

[IOW Public Health Data](#)

- (b) Actions taken and required

To receive an update from the Director of Public Health.

- (c) Update on Communications Activity

To receive an update from the Assistant Chief Executive and Chief Strategy Officer.

5. **Vaccination Programme**

To receive a presentation from HIOW Covid-19 Vaccines Programme Director on the Vaccination Programme.

6. **Members' Question Time**

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CHRISTOPHER POTTER  
Monitoring Officer  
Thursday, 25 November 2021

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## Minutes

Name of meeting	<b>LOCAL OUTBREAK ENGAGEMENT BOARD</b>
Date and Time	<b>WEDNESDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2021 COMMENCING AT 12.00 PM</b>
Venue	<b>COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT</b>
Present	Cllrs L Peacey-Wilcox (Chairman), D Andre, K Love and I Stephens
Officers Present	Simon Bryant, John Metcalfe and Wendy Perera and Megan Tuckwell

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### 6. **Minutes**

RESOLVED:

THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 16 September 2021 be confirmed.

### 7. **Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest were made at this stage.

### 8. **Public Question Time - 15 Minutes Maximum**

No public questions were received.

### 9. **Reports of the Local Outbreak Engagement Board**

### 10. **Update on current situation**

The Director of Public Health (DPH) delivered a presentation which provided an overview of the data related to Covid-19 infections and hospitalisations. It was stressed that while the vaccination programme had broken the link between infections and hospitalisations, measures such as hands-face-space were still very important in keeping the community safe.

It was advised that there was a higher rate of cases seen among 10 to 14-year-olds, which was likely due to mixing in schools. It was advised that although children overall weren't becoming seriously ill, their parents and grandparents may be more at risk. Infections in 12–15-year-olds would also delay the rollout of the vaccination programme in that group due to the 28-day waiting period following a positive test.

Questions were raised regarding the recent half-term and the impact this may have on infection rates. It was advised that data would be available shortly, and the impact was likely to be positive due to less household-mixing than during term-time. It was confirmed that targeted support was available to schools to manage outbreaks. Discussion took place regarding the vaccination programme roll-out for 12 to 15-year-olds and its availability in local schools.

Discussion took place regarding the increasing cases in over-60's, and the Board sought reassurance that the hospital had capacity ahead of the winter period. In managing system-wide pressures it was emphasised that individuals should utilise their GPs and call 111 where possible.

Questions were raised in relation to hospitalisations. It was confirmed that nationally it has been shown that the majority of those in hospital with Covid-19 were not fully vaccinated. It was noted that some individuals were admitted to hospital for unrelated reasons and were subsequently testing positive upon arrival.

Concerns were raised around the impact of the upcoming vaccination mandate on care staff. It was confirmed that the workforce risk was being monitored closely with colleagues in Adult Social Care.

**11. Actions taken and required**

This item had been covered in the previous item.

**12. Update on Communications Activity**

The Assistant Chief Executive reported on communications activity. It was confirmed that the communications and engagement strategy for autumn and winter would set out how people could protect themselves and others with an emphasis on clear guidance and communication.

Key objectives were around sharing facts and information to enable people to make informed choices, and reemphasising good behaviours such as hands-face-space and general hygiene practises during the winter period. Targeted work was underway to assist in breaking the chain of transmission, including encouraging people to take lateral flow tests regularly. Activity would be targeted in areas with higher case-rates to prevent further spread of infection.

Discussion took place regarding the use of face coverings on cross-Solent travel journeys and how the Council could work with ferry operators to support them in promoting covid-safe behaviours.

**13. Members' Question Time**

No members' questions were received.

CHAIRMAN