

COVID-19 COMMUNITY RECOVERY PLAN

DRAFT REPORT TO EXECUTIVE



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PURPOSE

1. To seek Executive approval of the council’s covid-19 community recovery plan.

RECOMMENDATION

2. That the Executive recommend to Full Council that the council work in partnership - through the development of Burnley Together- to achieve community recovery.
3. That the Executive endorses the hubs priorities as set out in Appendix 1, namely: jobs and skills, health and wellbeing, and community inclusion.
4. The Executive delegate authority to the Head of Housing and Development, in consultation with the Exec Member for Housing, to allocate funding from the Better Care Fund for Social Care Capital Projects.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

5. The aim of the strategy is to generate positive outcomes to address the fragilities, and make the most of the opportunities, that the emergency has exposed.

SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS

6. The Council has already agreed a separate strategy prepared by the Head of Economy and Growth detailing the actions to be taken in support of the borough’s economic recovery. A Community Recovery Plan will complement that strategy. The key plank of the plan is the development of the Burnley Together Hub. Burnley Together (the hub) has been operating since the start of the pandemic. Its contact centre received 11,045 contacts, providing direct support to 2,208 families. The hub offers a range of services both directly and through its network of partners. Throughout April, May, and June the hub made contact and checked on 2,930 of the town’s most clinically and socially vulnerable people. Mostly this was via telephone contact but on 152 occasions home visits were arranged to ensure safety. Outputs so far include:
 - Around 5,000 food parcels to those in need thanks to hub partners’ BFC in the Community, Ghausia, and Gannow foodbank.
 - During the summer holidays, with funding from DEFRA the hub distributed 52,772 meals through a new community food partnership including our foodbanks, Charter House, Northern Community Networks, Padiham Town Council and Burnley Boys

- and Girls Club ensuring that no family had to go hungry during the school holidays
- The hub provided nearly 800 residents with either support for shopping or uninterrupted supply of their medication whilst they have been shielded.
 - The hub has supported at least 144 individuals to register for volunteering. Thanks to Burnley, Padiham and Rossendale CVS the volunteers received training and had access to opportunities that met their skills.
7. Burnley Together's greatest strength is the broad range of partners it has brought together for coordinated action. At present, it has over 100 partners from the community, voluntary and faith sector registered on its database, alongside statutory agencies. While continuing to support all vulnerable residents with essential needs, other key priorities for the hub are to provide a co-ordinated service to young people, by helping them with skills and employment, and to help residents through personalised health and wellbeing support.
8. Another element of the plan is to allocate Better Care Funding towards Social Care Capital Projects. These projects will improve access to services that promote health and wellbeing in communities.
9. The plan also commits the council to support the ongoing test and trace service, and to support health and county council partners to deliver a successful vaccination programme.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND BUDGET PROVISION

10. There are no new budget implications for the council. The strategy will be funded through central Government grants, which are set out in the action plan in Appendix 1.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

11. The main implications are:
- a. Reprioritisation of senior leadership to support test and trace and vaccination response.
 - b. Establishing a governance structure for the Hub, including maintaining good data protection policy and practice.
 - c. Making sure that the Hub complements and enhances existing services and reduces complexity for residents in accessing the services they need. The Hub must work through all the issues holding back the life chances of its service users, going beyond the initial contact to promote future independence through empowerment and targeted support.

DETAILS OF CONSULTATION

12. Calico, Primary Care Network leads, CVS, BFC in the Community, Burnley Leisure, Lancashire Constabulary.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

13. None.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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ALSO: