

COVID-19 EMERGENCY PLANNING HIGHLIGHT REPORT

SERVICE AREAS:	BID DIRECTORATE CCC (Business Intelligence, Transformation, Commercial, Impact and Recovery)
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NEW GUIDANCE AND IMPACT

New reports published regarding impact of COVID-19 on UK population nationally, which has been used in the first draft of the needs assessment on impacts of COVID-19. Key reports for reference are:

Disparities in the risk and outcomes of Covid-19. Public Health England. 2020.

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/891116/disparities_review.pdf. This explains initial findings around inequalities in risk and outcome comparing people of different age, gender, ethnicity, deprivation at national level.

Rainy days -An audit of household wealth and the initial effects of the coronavirus crisis on saving and spending in Great Britain. Resolution Foundation. 22 June 2020.

<https://www.resolutionfoundation.org/publications/rainy-days/>

This information is used to explain the financial risks and vulnerabilities for families with different economic status.

Pupil Engagement in Remote Learning. National Foundation for Educational Research (NFER). June 2020.

<https://www.nfer.ac.uk/news-events/press-releases/new-report-looks-at-pupil-engagement-in-remote-learning-during-the-covid-19-pandemic/>. This explores the engagement of pupils in remote learning to replace face to face school lessons during lockdown.

The intention is to use reports like these to extrapolate using local data.

There is more data and insight published every day on the Office of National Statistics website:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/healthandsocialcare/conditionsanddiseases/articles/coronaviruscovid19roundup/2020-03-26>

Government Investment

A major support package of a further £500m investment has been announced by MHCLG to contribute to councils financial sustainability in the future:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/comprehensive-new-funding-package-for-councils-to-help-address-coronavirus-p pressures-and-cover-lost-income-during-the-pandemic>

The impact of this for on the Council's financial position will be assessed, and fed into the scenario modelling activity underway as part of the annual Business Planning cycle.

NEW CHALLENGES AND ACTIVITY

There is significant ongoing activity in response to COVID-19 in all areas of the directorate alongside critical business as usual activity. New activity in this period has included:

Business Intelligence:

- Continuing support for the Health Protection Board:
 - Daily Surveillance Cell meetings, including identification and flagging of key trends (for example for around risk in Peterborough of transmission when pubs re-open on 4 July)
 - Support for operational planning of Outbreak Management plan including process and case management system specification and design
- Demand modelling in Adults and Children's based on recent flow through service in lockdown and economic assumptions.

Transformation:

- The Local Outbreak Control Plan (OCP) – As part of the national strategy to control the COVID-19 pandemic, the Transformation Team supported with the development and publication of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough’s OCP [available here](#). Transformation, together with other corporate services, are continuing to support the implementation of the plan.
- Transport – The transport policies for both Cambridgeshire and Peterborough have been reviewed and, subject to approval, will be published. They will now be known as ‘School Travel Assistance’ policies as opposed to ‘Home to School Transport’, and emphasise independence and positive outcomes for young people.
- Business Planning – work with services to apply the modelled scenarios to budgets is now underway, and from this work business planning proposals will be developed in the coming weeks. Capacity for this key area of activity has been increased in order to ensure timescales for Committees and final budget approval in February 2021 can be achieved.

RECOVERY ACTIVITY

BID Director chairs the CCC/PCC Recovery Board and is the lead officer for CCC’s ‘Build Back Better’ work.

The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Economic Recovery Sub-Group (ERSG) has reviewed the commissioned report on economic impacts resulting from the pandemic. The group has identified the need for further intelligence and is collating a range of economic data as well as best practice from other LEPs and authority areas. ERSG meet again on Tuesday with the focus for developing the draft strategy, using the intelligence to date, for economic recovery and the identification of key stimulus activities.

Business Intelligence have provided continued support recovery sub-groups, especially Economic, Transport, Vulnerable People, with information, analysis and advice. They have also chaired the first meeting of cross-system ‘Recovery Information Group’ supporting recovery planning in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough and presented first iteration of ‘Impact Of COVID-19 Needs Assessment’ to Vulnerable People Sub-Group

The BID Management Team has met with Chairs and Vice Chairs and with directorate management teams to discuss demand drivers in post-COVID and next business planning period with a view to scenario modelling.

DECISIONS MADE SINCE LAST REPORTING PERIOD

Business Intelligence have started a project to implement Power BI Premium in Peterborough City Council (PCC). The second phase will be across both PCC and Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) which will enhance the Power BI platform already available in CCC.

NEW FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS SINCE LAST REPORTING PERIOD

There is a newly identified loss of income of £50k to BID Directorate budgets due to the impact of COVID 19. This is from work that is usually commissioned by other public bodies - including community safety work and planning monitoring work – which is not being carried out during the pandemic. We are mitigating this pressure through increased income from areas of additional work and by not extending fixed term contracts. Current forecast is that we can manage within budget with no impact to bottom line.

WORKFORCE CHANGES

No change.

COMMUNICATIONS

No change.