

COVID-19 EMERGENCY PLANNING HIGHLIGHT REPORT

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NEW GUIDANCE AND IMPACT

The temporary modification to section 42 of the 2014 Act (duty to secure special educational provision and health care provision in accordance with EHC plan) has been extended for another month [Updated guidance on EHC plans](#) with the Department for Education now requesting fortnightly data. The Business Intelligence team is providing this data on children with Education Health Care Plans as well as data on activity in children's services every fortnight.

NEW CHALLENGES AND ACTIVITY

Business Intelligence and Transformation are supporting the local outbreak management plan development, especially around processes and protocols. There is continued daily participation in the Surveillance Cell meeting which analyses information relating all areas of Cambridgeshire, specifically to support communications in prevention of further infections in high risk areas in Peterborough over the past week.

The very first energy and decarbonisation focused business group meeting took place on 15th July as part of the work to realise both the commercial and social aims of the Climate Change and Energy Strategy, and to build on the positive impact of COVID-19 with regards to reduction in carbon and increased use of renewables. This was well attended by some leading private sector organisations of our local economy and the expectation of delivering some joint opportunities was very much welcomed.

RECOVERY ACTIVITY

The Joint Strategic Recovery Board met on 14th July and had their first opportunity to discuss recovery proposals for Think Communities, the Adult Resilience Plan and our future workforce ambition. These will continue to be developed following the cross-directorate input for further discussion and approval at a future board.

An early draft of an Economic Recovery Strategy has been created across Cambridgeshire County Council, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority, Greater Cambridge Partnership, district and unitary authority partners and specific business groups. This draft document is being further informed and edited by the Economic Recovery Sub Group members with a view to having a first version to share with Members and senior officers during August. The strategy is based on modelling done by Business Intelligence which develops three scenarios based on previous recessions and extrapolation from National Office for Budgetary Responsibility assumptions. Modelling of activity in council services is continuing in support of business planning and recovery work - for example, the completion of a draft dashboard showing Early Years providers and whether there is sufficient provision in different areas.

An Ofsted inspector has been seconded to Cambridgeshire and Peterborough to develop the Children's recovery plan and Business Intelligence is supporting this work.

DECISIONS MADE SINCE LAST REPORTING PERIOD

Following approval by Commercial and Investment Committee on 10th July, a Fund Manager is now being appointed to invest in a Multi Class Credit fund. The investment of £20m is anticipated to enable a return of 4.3%, having reflected revised forecasts following the impact of COVID-19.

The directorate is supporting two bids to the MHCLG Local Digital Fund to use data and research to support risk identification for families affected by financial impacts of lockdown.

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| NEW FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS SINCE LAST REPORTING PERIOD |
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