

**Decisions taken at the CPH Adult Social Care and Health Decision Session  
Meeting held on Thursday 15 October 2020**

Title	Decision Taken
Apologies	No apologies received.
Declarations of Pecuniary or Conflicting Interests from Members	Councillor McCarthy declared a non-pecuniary interest because family members were involved in the management of running care homes in the borough.
Questions and Deputations	<p>In accordance with Standing Orders, Mr Nick Stephens, a resident of the borough, asked the following question “The establishment of the Covid-19 Outbreak Control Sub-Group of the Solihull Health and Wellbeing Board in the Summer was a welcome move to give greater focus on combining the Covid-19 virus in Solihull and share information with Councillors and other appropriate Officers from the Council and relevant Health bodies.</p> <p>However, this Group is meeting in private and none of the minutes of the Group’s meetings or reports discussed at meetings of the Group are in the public domain. Could the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Health explain why this is the case, and in the interest of openness and transparency arrange with the Leader of the Council for all future meetings of this Group to be held in public and their papers and reports to be available for the public to read and scrutinise?”</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Health replied “The Covid-19 Sub-Board is an informal group which has cross-party representation. This is not designed to replace the existing formal structures which are open to the public at which COVID is discussed. The main vehicles for this – as for any area of business – are the Health and Wellbeing Board, Cabinet and Council. A full statement on COVID was made at the last Council meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> October. There are also regular updates from partners at the Health and Wellbeing Board. Any key decisions which need to be made at local level are taken at existing Cabinet portfolio meetings, but it is important to note that key decisions such as local restrictions are introduced through national legislation.</p> <p>It is important to note we have put in place a number of vehicles for wider discussion and communication with local residents. We have established a community champions network which is open to anyone living or working in the borough. Over 110 people have signed up for this and there are regular meetings to discuss COVID, brief community champions on key changes and the local situation and respond to queries. Information about how to sign up to this is available on SMBC’s website. We are also dealing routinely with queries from the public via our contact centre and a dedicated email address. We are also updating all ward councillors and the public on local COVID rates at ward level once a week as well as providing routine information to the public through an FAQ and links to key national and local information.”</p>
Exclusion of the Press and Public	The Cabinet Portfolio Holder did move that the press and public be now excluded from the remainder of the business to be transacted, on the grounds that there would be disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.
Decision on further support for social care providers through the use of the	Private decision

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Infection Control Fund to meet the impacts of Covid-19 on the costs of delivering care.			