

Report of the Chief Executive**COVID-19 UPDATE**1. Purpose of report

To update Councillors on the Council's response to the COVID-19 pandemic and implementation of the Council's recovery strategy

2. Detail

Since the last update to the committee in March COVID-19 infection rates in Broxtowe have steadily declined. At one point they were in low single figures per 100,000 but since then they have risen slightly (due to the appearance of the delta variant in all areas of Nottinghamshire) and at the time of the report being published are 51 per 100,000 population. The management of financial pressures is regularly reported to Finance and Resources Committee. Response activity has focused on:

- Promoting uptake of vaccination to cohort groups (for more details see appendix 1), especially groups where there is hesitancy. These measures have included supporting the visits of the vaccine bus situated in Devonshire Ave car park.
- Measures to support contact tracing and isolation in relation to people who have contracted new variants of concern
- Promoting and facilitating Local testing including from council owned car parks
- Participation in multi-agency groups which have amongst other things developed joint plans for "surge testing" should it be necessary.
- Distributing business and voluntary sector grants and alleviating homelessness.

On 14 June the Prime Minister confirmed a four-week delay to step four of the government's roadmap until 19 July due to concerns caused by the Delta variant and to allow for more people to receive their second dose of a COVID-19 vaccine before further easing of restrictions takes place. A review will be held on 5 July 2021.

More than 30 people will be able to attend weddings, receptions, and commemorative events including wakes from 21 June 2021. The number of people able to attend such events will be determined by the number that can be safely accommodated in the venue with social distancing in place.

The government has confirmed that vaccination greatly reduces transmission and two doses provide a very high degree of protection against serious illness and death. The government will bring forward second doses of vaccines for over-40s and the clinically vulnerable groups from 12 weeks to eight weeks, and has set an earlier target to give every adult in this country a first dose by 19 July 2021, that is including young people over the age of 18 with the online vaccination booking system available to 23 and 24 year olds.

Recommendation

The Committee is asked to NOTE the report.

Background papers: Nil

APPENDIX 1

This stakeholder brief is designed to keep you up to date with the roll out of the COVID-19 vaccine in Nottingham, Nottinghamshire and Bassetlaw.

Latest figures (8 December 2020 – 6 June 2021) show in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire **62,096** vaccines have been administered in the last week. In total, **1,042,531** vaccinations have now been administered with **445,832** of these being second doses. In Bassetlaw, a total of **137,977** vaccines have been administered with **60,648** of these being second doses.

A further breakdown of the figures show the percentage of doses administered to each age group, second dose percentages are in brackets:

Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICS

Under 30s = 19.1% **(13.6%)**

30-34 = 60% **(23.7%)**

35-39 = 73.4 **(28.1%)**

40-44 = 84.1% **(39.3%)**

45-49 = 81.6% **(42.8%)**

50-54 = 90.2% **(70%)**

55-59 = 96% **(81.2%)**

60-64 = 98.4% **(91.1%)**

65-69 = 93.3% **(90.4%)**

70-74 = 98% **(95.9%)**

75-79 = 103.7% **(101.3%)**

80+ = 96.1% **(92.6%)**

Nottingham Local Authority figures

Under 30s = 14.3% **(9.8%)**

30-34 = 53.6% **(20%)**

35-39 = 64.9% **(23.5%)**

40-44 = 77.6% **(32.4%)**

45-49 = 79.5% **(38.2%)**

50-54 = 86.3% **(62.8%)**

55-59 = 92.4% **(74.7%)**

60-64 = 94% **(82.7%)**

65-69 = 89.4% **(84.7%)**

70-74 = 95.6% **(92.1%)**

75-79 = 98.3% **(94.4%)**

80+ = 89.3% **(85%)**

Nottinghamshire (including Bassetlaw)

Under 30s = 24.5% **(17.2%)**

30-34 = 64% **(25.7%)**

35-39 = 77.8% **(30.3%)**

40-44 = 86.9% **(43.6%)**

45-49 = 82.5% **(45.7%)**

50-54 = 91.6% **(73%)**

55-59 = 97.5% **(83.5%)**
60-64 = 99.6% **(93.4%)**
65-69 = 94.3% **(91.9%)**
70-74 = 98.5% **(96.7%)**
75-79 = 104.9% **(102.9%)**
80+ = 97.8% **(94.6%)**

***These percentages are based on ONS Population Estimates taken from mid-2019. Some percentages are higher than 100% due to the population figures being estimated.*

Big walk-in weekend – over 25s

Anyone aged 25 and over (or who turn 25 before 1 July 2021) is able to walk in to two sites this weekend and receive a Pfizer vaccine. These sites are the Forest Recreation site or Mansfield Vaccination Centre. Those currently eligible include any member of the public aged 25 and over as well as those who are clinically vulnerable, clinically extremely vulnerable and carers. Both the sites will be open from 8am to 6pm on Saturday and Sunday offering walk-in appointments to anyone eligible for their first dose. We would be grateful if you could share this message so we can encourage as many people as possible to take up the offer. You can find out more information [here](#). We also have information on shuttle buses to the sites [here](#).

****Please note, people who have an appointment booked at either of these sites over the weekend will not be affected and should attend their appointment as normal.**

The public can also walk in at Queen's Medical Centre and King's Mill Hospital over the weekend to receive a vaccine.

- Kings Mill Hospital - 8am - 2pm
- Queen's Medical Centre vaccination hub - 8am - 7pm

One Million vaccines

More than one million COVID-19 vaccines have been administered in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire. As of Thursday (June 10), 1,042,531 vaccines have been administered in total since the start of the programme with 445,832 of these vaccines being second doses. You can find out more [here](#).

Over 25s eligible to book

Anyone aged 25 and over (or who turn 25 before 1 July, 2021) is eligible to book a COVID-19 vaccine. Please urge those who are eligible to book an appointment now by calling 119 or using [the national booking link](#). Our vaccination centres are open 8am-8pm, 7 days a week to make it as convenient as possible for the public to get vaccinated. The public can also book appointments at Queen's Medical Centre and King's Mill Hospital [here](#).

Walk-in appointments

Any member of the public aged 40 and over, carers, frontline health workers and those in at risk groups who have not had their COVID-19 vaccine are able to walk-in to a number of locations and have a vaccination without booking. The walk-in appointments are

available at: The Forest Recreation Ground, King's Meadow Campus, Gamston Community Centre, Ashfield Health Village, Newark Showground, Richard Herrod Centre and Mansfield Vaccination Centre.

Hospital Update

- We have seen 9 admissions relating to COVID-19 in the seven days to 6 June, which compares to 16 in the previous 7 day period
- We had 23 beds occupied by COVID-19+ patients on 8 June, this compares to 27 on 1 June
- Of those 23 beds, only 1 patient was mechanically ventilated
- In the week from 3 to 9 June there was 1 death which is down from 3 the previous week
- There were no inpatients, no admissions and no deaths related to COVID-19 at Bassetlaw Hospital in the same period.

** These figures are for Nottingham University Hospitals, Sherwood Forest Hospitals, Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust and Bassetlaw Hospital

You can find all the latest information regarding the programme in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire [here](#). In Bassetlaw you can find the latest information [here](#).

Thank you for your continued support.

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APPENDIX 2

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOVERY STRATEGY:

PROGRESS ECONOMIC

- A survey of needs of businesses in Broxtowe was undertaken and reported to the Jobs and Economy Committee.
- Two COVID-19 Information Officers have continued to be employed and have been actively deployed in Town centres and surrounding areas, helping to support compliance with COVID-19 regulations, assisting with enforcement, giving information and helping to promote the town centres.
- A new markets officer has been employed and markets are back operating in our towns
- A 21 action- point economic recovery plan was approved by Jobs and Economy Committee at its meeting on 19 November 2020. Actions include the development of additional business units at Stapleford business hub (completed and being let with a positive degree of interest) and Mushroom Farm (funding approved from the D2N2LEP and construction also under way) and the promotion of a local shopping campaign in the run in to Christmas
- The Stapleford Towns fund bid was submitted and approved resulting in £21.1m for the development of investment projects for Stapleford. A bid for more resources was also successful for capacity to develop business cases to the next level of detail. This work is ongoing.
- The house building delivery plan continues to be implemented (progress is reported to every meeting of the Housing Committee). Two dementia friendly bungalows were completed in Beeston. The Council is working with a local developer for the development of land partly in its ownership, and the owner of another site also for the development of housing. Outline permission was granted at Planning Committee on 4 November for one of these sites.
- Work continues on a “levelling up” bid for Eastwood and for Kimberley as well.
- The Council became a founder member of a new interim vehicle (now established as a company limited by guarantee) for the East Midlands development corporation to attract government and private sector investment for the development of the Toton innovation campus and two other sites. Central to the proposals at Toton is the creation of a new national skills academy. This will help to place fresh value on the value and status of key work as well as increasing the skills of residents of our area, in accordance with our strategy. Another feature of the interim vehicle is the innovative collaboration of universities with the Councils in promoting the skills and environmental agendas within the development corporation project – something the Council also sought to achieve as part of our economic strategy approach.
- Beeston Town centre regeneration continues with the new cinema development completed and now opened. Current indications are that the associated food and beverage outlets will be 93 % let very shortly. It is planned to celebrate our COVID-19 heroes, as anticipated in our COVID-19 recovery strategy towards the end of this year. The sale of land for 132 units of residential development in Beeston Town centre was completed.
- A refreshed list of sites to focus on bringing forward for development continues to be monitored by the Jobs and Economy Committee

- A new task and finish group to progress the Council's approach to renewal of its leisure facilities was set up and is continuing to meet.

ENVIRONMENTAL

- A new Carbon reduction strategy was developed and approved by the Environment and Climate Change Committee. This is a comprehensive 15 strand programme of work designed to enable the council to make substantial progress towards achieving our goal to be an area which is net zero carbon by 2027. Included within the strategy is a new transport and fleet strategy. An update report on strand progress is produced to each Environment and Climate Change Committee. Environmental initiatives such as tree planting, the continuation of the clean and green scheme including expansion of recycling and composting; increasing of meadow planting; creation of "pocket parks", and mapping of the blue infrastructure as a precursor to improving the biodiversity of these assets has also been taking place.
- A new head of asset management and maintenance position has been created to take forward and implement a new asset management plan. This will promote a number of themes one of which is energy efficiency. This means in the current year spending will focus on:
 - Replacement of electrical heating with more energy efficient models and remove all solid fuel heating from our properties.
 - Analysis of benefits of Air-Source Heat Pumps and PV solar panels that have been fitted to new build schemes.
 - Consideration of retro-fitting of energy efficient measures including Air- Source Heat Pumps.
 - Considering fitting PV solar panels when completing roofing work
 - Reviewing the need for increasing insulation, including loft insulation and the approach needed to address properties that are difficult to insulate.
 - The Council has recently been successful in bidding for £724,850 of green homes grant to support energy efficiency improvements to council houses, money that will be spent in the current year.
 - Providing information for tenants to support them to use their homes in the most efficient way.
- A community engagement programme is happening, with nearly 500 households participating in a new "Go Green" challenge initiative, and MSc students at Nottingham University have been engaged in a project to increase community engagement in sustainable living.
- Part of the Stapleford Towns fund bid is a proposal to create a cycle "super highway" to encourage environmentally friendly ways of moving around the town, good connectivity to the Toton strategic growth site and the development of the concept of the "20-minute neighbourhood". This is to capitalise on the environmental gains which resulted from changing work and leisure patterns during the COVID-19 pandemic and is one of our strategic goals. A similar proposal is being developed as part of the Eastwood levelling up bid.

SOCIAL

- A voluntary sector mapping exercise has been commissioned, and is scheduled to come to a meeting of the Leisure and health committee following consideration by the Broxtowe partnership. A voluntary sector strategy needs to be developed.

- A mental health action plan for employees was approved by the Personnel Committee and is being implemented.
- A survey of employees was completed in 2020 and a further survey in 2021 was completed and is due to be reported to the Personnel Committee. Action plans were devised to respond to the responses.
- A new mental health action plan for the Borough was approved at Leisure and Health Committee. The Broxtowe partnership on 21 October had a special focus on mental health issues and a task and finish group was set up to take forward work to add value to existing efforts and identify gaps in provision.
- Work is being done to explore creating a new mental health hub in Eastwood based at Durban House and is proposed to be part of the levelling up bid. Other health improvement proposals for Eastwood which may feature in the levelling up bid are the subject of discussions with relevant stakeholders.
- A health action plan was agreed at a recent meeting of the Leisure and Health Committee.
- A survey was completed relating to people living with dementia and their Carers and a proposal to support people living in Broxtowe who have dementia and the carers was approved by Leisure and Health Committee. The implementation of this has been unfortunately compromised by the lockdown
- Coronavirus Grants were provided to voluntary organisations which are supporting the community to cope with the impact of COVID-19.
- A report on fuel poverty was produced to a recent Housing Committee outlining measures being taken to support people with their heating bills. This work is continuing and being broadened out to lead to a corporate fuel poverty strategy.
- Four new food clubs are being established in Broxtowe after getting approval at a recent leisure and health committee Leisure and Health Committee. These will support and complement existing food banks
- The child poverty strategy has been updated and was approved by the Policy and Performance Committee.
- The Council is exploring how it might work to obtain funding for children and families in our area under the “holiday activities fund”.