

Appendix B – Adults & Safeguarding Committee

Table 1 – Committee Decisions

Date of Decision	Decision	Summary of Decision	Legal Implications, Resources Implications, Other Implications (e.g. risk, equalities, consultation, etc.), Government directions or guidance
26.03.20	Closure of Leisure Centres	<p>The council owned leisure centres had been operating on a restricted basis since the start of the pandemic, including measures for social distancing. Government guidance them required all leisure centres to close. Council officers and GLL (Better) then took immediate steps to close the 5 leisure centres, including customer communications and ensuring the buildings were safe and secure.</p>	<p>Leisure centres were included in regulations (Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (England) Regulations 2020 made under Public Health (Control of Disease) Act 1984 which came into force 1pm on 26 March. http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2020/350/pdfs/ukxi_20200350_en.pdf</p> <p>This followed earlier Government guidance which directed these premises to close.</p> <p>Financial impact reflected in accounts for 2019/20 (for the Mar 19-31 period) and also reflected in estimated impact through April-Jun 2020, impact estimated as £979k but this is under review.</p> <p>In making this decision officers had regard to the public sector equality duty and felt that the decision was proportionate in the circumstances</p>
28.03.20	Closure of Day Centres for Older People	<p>The council commissions a number of day services and opportunities, primarily for older people and people with learning disabilities. There are also additional day opportunities provided by the voluntary sector. In order to protect the health of people using these services, centres commissioned by the council for older people were closed. Advice was given to other centres to close.</p> <p>Day services for people with learning disabilities have been consolidated into one site for the duration of the pandemic. A core</p>	<p>Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (England) Regulations 2020 http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2020/350/pdfs/ukxi_20200350_en.pdf</p> <p>These regulations state - (7) A person who is responsible for a community centre must ensure that, during the emergency period, the community centre is closed except where it is used to provide essential voluntary activities or urgent public support services (including the provision of food banks or other support for the homeless or vulnerable people, blood donation sessions or support in an emergency). Vulnerable people is defined as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) any person aged 70 or older; (ii) any person under 70 who has an underlying health condition, including

		<p>service is operating, with appropriate infection control measures, for individuals for whom not accessing the day service would be detrimental to their wellbeing or that of their family carers.</p>	<p>but not limited to, the conditions listed in Schedule 1; (iii) any person who is pregnant.</p> <p>Guidance on social distancing for everyone in the UK (Public Health England, updated 30th March 2020) In making this decision officers had regard to the public sector equality duty and felt that the decision was proportionate in the circumstances</p>
28.03.20	Creation of New Hospital Discharge Service	<p>Creation of new hospital discharge service in line with national requirements published by HM government on 18th March 2020. Created a single point of access led by community health services with Adult Social Care as part of team and a mandated national model. Increased hours of working and days of the week (8-8, 7 days per week) – higher numbers of ASC staff now working</p>	<p>Covid-19 Hospital Discharge Service Requirements guidance, published 19th March 2020 by HM Government and NHS England. The guidance states that the NHS will fully fund the cost of new or extended out of hospital care and support packages. The financial impact of new service will be recovered from NHS England via the CCG. The guidance requires changes to working to move to an assess to discharge model, with a target of moving a patient to discharge from the hospital setting usually within 3 hours of the clinical decision, with assessments of social care provision taking place outside hospital setting. It requires that LAs ensure there is 7-day working for community social care teams (to be commissioned by local authorities). https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-hospital-discharge-service-requirements</p>

Table 2 – Officer Decisions

Date of Decision	Decision	Summary of Decision	Legal Implications, Resources Implications, Other Implications (e.g. risk, equalities, consultation, etc.), Government directions or guidance
28.03.20	Health Walks and Community Sports	Suspension of health walks programme and other community sports activities	<p>In accordance with government guidance on social distancing, it is not currently appropriate to offer group based outdoor activities https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-social-distancing-and-for-vulnerable-people/guidance-on-social-distancing-for-everyone-in-the-uk-and-protecting-older-people-and-vulnerable-adults In making this decision officers had regard to the public sector equality duty and felt that the decision was proportionate in the circumstances</p>
28.03.20	Change to Payment of Care Providers	Move from payment on actual care to payment on plan of care (will vary in day and home care by c10% more than usual)	<p>Social care provider resilience during COVID-19: guidance to commissioners (Local Government Association, Care Provider Alliance, Association of Directors of Adult Social Services – March 2020)</p> <p>This change, recommended by the above guidance, improves care provider financial sustainability during the Pandemic. Financial reconciliation in respect of actual care provided and additional costs incurred due to Covid 19 will take place after the emergency period.</p> <p><i>Follows guidance in Procurement Policy Note Supplier Relief due to Covid 19 (issued by Cabinet office)</i> https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/874178/PPN_02_20_Supplier_Relief_due_to_Covid19.pdf and is within existing powers</p>
28.03.20	Staff Redeployment	Decision to move staff from older people’s team to enhanced hospital discharge service team	Covid-19 Hospital Discharge Service Requirements guidance, published 19th March 2020 by HM Government and NHS England.

28.03.20	Procurement of Personal Protective Equipment	Decision to procure personal protective equipment for staff and providers	Cost implications to be met from central government funding to councils for Covid-19
28.03.20	Service Changes	Move to virtual assessments, reviews and care & support planning	Guidance on social distancing for everyone in the UK (Public Health England, updated 30 th March 2020)
28.03.20	Delayed Transfers of Care	Dispensation on targets for delayed transfers of care	Covid-19 Hospital Discharge Service Requirements guidance, published 19th March 2020 by HM Government and NHS England. https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2020/03/COVID-19-and-the-production-of-statistics-notice-2020-03-29.pdf
28.03.20	Shopping and Supplies Service	Commissioning Age UK to provide and expanded shopping and supplies service for older people	Guidance on social distancing for everyone in the UK (Public Health England, updated 30th March 2020) Guide for Local Authorities and Local Resilience Forums on the system to support those who are clinically extremely vulnerable to COVID-19. Cost implications to be met from central government funding to councils for Covid-19
28.03.20	Staff Redeployment	Decision to use Prevention and Wellbeing team to provide support, shopping and supplies for isolated residents	Guidance on social distancing for everyone in the UK (Public Health England, updated 30th March 2020) Guide for Local Authorities and Local Resilience Forums on the system to support those who are clinically extremely vulnerable to COVID-19.
28.03.20	Shielded Project	Decision to use Alexandra Palace for shielded food depot	Guide for Local Authorities and Local Resilience Forums on the system to support those who are clinically extremely vulnerable to COVID-19. Cost implications to be met from central government funding to councils for Covid-19

28.03.20	Help Hub Project	Decision to implement Help Hub: creation of programme team, establishment of call centre and CRM function, establishment of two food distribution centres (Alexandra Palace and RAF Hendon)	<p>Guidance on social distancing for everyone in the UK (Public Health England, updated 30th March 2020)</p> <p>Guide for Local Authorities and Local Resilience Forums on the system to support those who are clinically extremely vulnerable to COVID-19. Cost implications to be met from central government funding to councils for Covid-19</p> <p>Estimated costs of £600k for April to June 2020, reflected in financial implications set out in the covering report.</p>
Ongoing	Sufficiency of Care Provider Resource	The new assess to discharge requirements require that once a patient is clinically fit for discharge that the patient is discharged within 3 hours and requires local authorities to assess needs post discharge increasing need for care providers to be available urgently.	Using existing Care Act flexibilities and with service users' agreement, the way in which some existing identified care provision is met is to be temporarily changed to free up care provision Other means of meeting needs including use of family members where agreed to take on shopping tasks for example will be implemented and reviewed on a regular 2 weekly basis.