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|        | <p align="center"><b>Council</b><br/>13 July 2020</p>                  |
|   | <p align="center"><b>Report from the Assistant Chief Executive</b></p> |
| <p align="center"><b>Chair's Report: Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee</b></p> |  |

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| <b>Wards Affected:</b>            | All   |
| <b>Key or Non-Key Decision:</b>   | N/A   |
| <b>Open or Part/Fully Exempt:</b> | Open  |
| <b>No. of Appendices:</b>         | One<br>Appendix A: Scrutiny Work Programme 2019-2020  |
| <b>Background Papers:</b>         | None  |
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## **1.0 Purpose of the Report**

1.1 To update members of Council about meetings, reports and activities of the Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee since the last Council meeting.

## **2.0 Recommendation**

2.1 To review the report by the chair of the scrutiny committee.

## **3.0 Detail**

- 3.1 The Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee provides oversight of adult social care, children's services, education, housing, Public Health, wellbeing and culture by holding Cabinet to account for decision-making and delivery of improved outcomes and strategic priorities across services and departments. In addition, Council has delegated to the scrutiny committee the responsibility for scrutinising and holding to account NHS providers and commissioners. <sup>1</sup>
- 3.2 The scrutiny committee on 16 March received a detailed verbal update about the immediate response to Covid 19. The update was presented by the Chief Executive, Director of Public Health, Strategic Director Community Wellbeing, and Lead Member for Public Health, Culture and Leisure. The Chair of Brent Clinical Commissioning Group attended to update about the response by the local NHS. The next committee meeting on 21 July will have a single report focusing on the response and recovery to Covid 19 by local authority services and the report will be presented by the Council Leader, and Chief Executive. The 2019/2020 work plan has been updated as set out in Appendix 1. To help members understand the disproportionate impact on the borough of Covid 19 and emerging issue of the impact on Black and Minority Ethnic (BAME) communities the chair has been circulating research by the policy community, including leading researchers at The King's Fund. The chair has also highlighted findings about the disparities review by Public Health England on deaths from Covid 19 correlated with ethnicity, occupation and age.
- 3.3 The March meeting agreed the report of the members' scrutiny task group on childhood obesity but deferred reports on Contextual Safeguarding, and Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Probation (HMIP) on Brent Youth Offending Service. The cancellation of the 22 April meeting meant a report on School Standards and Achievement Report 2018-19, including Action Plan for Raising Achievement of Boys of Black Caribbean Heritage, could not be discussed; however, the chair has committed to rescheduling it along with the deferred items in the 2020/2021 work plan to be presented to Council in September.
- 3.4 Scrutiny of the NHS has continued despite disruption to committee meetings. The committee formally responded to the 2019/2020 Quality Accounts of Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust and will respond to other Accounts. The Care Quality Commission published an inspection on 15 June with a rating of Good for Central London Community Healthcare NHS Trust, and the chair will liaise with NHS leaders about any implications in the report for Brent.
- 3.5 On 28 April the scrutiny committee chair took part in a meeting with Lord Best and the Poverty Commission to input into their report. The chair highlighted the effects of poverty and deprivation in producing worse health outcomes in particular for childhood obesity and children's oral health, and the persistence of wide differences in health inequalities measured by healthy life expectancy.

## **4.0 Financial Implications**

- 4.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

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<sup>1</sup> Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013

## **5.0 Legal Implications**

5.1 There are no legal implications arising from this report.

## **6.0 Equality Implications**

6.1 There are no equality implications.

## **7.0 Consultation with Ward Members and Stakeholders**

7.1 Non-executive members will discuss this report at the Council meeting.

**Report sign off:**

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