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# SOMERSET HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

## SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

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Item No.	Title
2	Declarations of Interest
	<p>DECISION</p> <p>James Rimmer informed the Board that he had recently been appointed as Senior Responsible Officer (SRO) for the ICS (Integrated Care Service) Somerset.</p>
3	Minutes from the meeting held on 16 January 2020
	<p>DECISION</p> <p>The minutes were agreed and signed.</p>
4	Public Question Time
	<p>DECISION</p> <p>There were some late questions from Mr Andrew Pope. As Mr Pope could not join the meeting, it was agreed to send the replies direct to him.</p>
5	Virtual Meeting - Guidance
	<p>DECISION</p> <p>The Chair started the meeting by thanking the previous Chair, Councillor Christine Lawrence, for the hard work she had given to the Board over the years and noted that they were going to be hard shoes to fill. The Board endorsed the thanks and wished her well.</p> <p>The Board discussed a report that set out the procedure and guidance for new virtual meetings starting in May and for the foreseeable future. It outlined the new regulations that came into force on 4 April 2020 and the various considerations emerging from these and notes there are likely to be further updates and issues during this transition period.</p> <p><b>The Somerset Health and Wellbeing Board:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Considered the Procedure and Guidance on Virtual Meetings and agreed to adopting them and updating in the light of experience.</b></li> </ul>

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6	Covid 19 - Assurance
	<p>DECISION The Board had a joint presentation on the Covid-19 response by Somerset County Council, the CCG and Avon and Somerset Police.</p> <p><b>The Somerset Health and Wellbeing Board agreed to keep endorsing and reiterating the Public Health message of:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Keep your distance</b></li> <li>• <b>Keep washing your hands</b></li> <li>• <b>Isolate for 7 days if you have symptoms (dry cough, fever or reduced taste sense of smell)</b></li> <li>• <b>Do not go to work if you have symptoms</b></li> </ul>
7	Somerset Health and Wellbeing Board Work Programme
	<p>DECISION The Board looked at the Work Programme and agreed that all the items on the programme for the rest of the year had merit, but they now needed to be reconsidered in the light of the Covid-19 pandemic and some re-adjustment was needed. It was agreed that this would be discussed by the executive group. It was likely the next meeting would focus on the impact of Covid-19 and the actions taken by SCC and relevant partners to monitor and, where possible, mitigate longer term impact of Covid-19 on health, wellbeing and inequalities in defined population groups, e.g. children and young people as well as the elderly.</p> <p><b>The Somerset Health and Wellbeing Board agreed to submit suggestions for the Work Programme via the executive group and in consultation with Board Members.</b></p>
8	Any other urgent items of business
	<p>DECISION There were no other items of business.</p>