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### Summary

This report provides an update of relevant data and activity from Community and Children's Services.

### Recommendations

- Note the report.

### Main Report

This report summarises ongoing developments in several areas: an update on Clinically Extremely Vulnerable (CEV) residents, the introduction of Lateral Flow Testing within the City, preparing for Liberty Protection Safeguards and an update on recent strategy reviews.

#### Clinically Extremely Vulnerable (CEV)

1. Since the re-introduction of the national lockdown on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021 the Clinically Extremely Vulnerable (CEV) are required to follow the new national lockdown guidance.
2. Those on the City of London's CEV list were contacted directly in November 2020 and have been contacted again in January 2021 for wellbeing checks.
3. There has been little identified need from CEV residents, and the majority of requests have been for help with getting priority supermarket slots through re-registration on the government's support portal.
4. The City of London Corporation continue to support CEV residents with accessing priority supermarket slots, volunteers to help with shopping and medication collection and social contact through Befriending Call service during this current lockdown.

5. On 16<sup>th</sup> February 2021, the government announced that an extra 1.7 million vulnerable individuals are being advised to shield as they are at higher risk should they get COVID 19. They are being informed via email and letters posted to their homes. The additions have been identified through the new model for COVID 19 population risk assessment which considers health factors together with personal circumstances on age, ethnicity, deprivation, BMI (obesity), and prescribed medicines. It has been announced that the new additions will be prioritised by their GPs to receive a COVID 19 vaccine.

#### Implementation of Lateral Flow Testing in the City of London

6. In early December 2020, it was announced that a number of local authorities including the City of London Corporation would be receiving a stock of lateral flow devices (LFT) in order to carry out mass testing of asymptomatic residents.
7. The key aims of these LFT testing sites include mitigating against the significant impact Covid-19 is having on key workers in a range of settings and to provide rapid testing. The testing will prioritise key workers within the Square Mile, who are essential to keeping the Square Mile a place to live, visit and work.
8. Key groups within this will include social care, children's services, courts, schools, libraries, markets and consumer protection staff, cleaners, care staff and volunteers, etc. The key aim of LFT testing is to ensure that the City of London is able to service its resident population and keep key services maintained for its worker populations.
9. The LFT site is situated at 80 Leadenhall and will play a vital part in our work to tackle the pandemic locally.

#### Liberty Protection Safeguards

10. The City Corporation are preparing for the introduction of Liberty Protection Safeguards (LPS), that provide protection for people aged 16 and above who are or who need to be deprived of their liberty in order to enable their care or treatment and lack the mental capacity to consent to their arrangements.
11. LPS were introduced in the Mental Capacity (Amendment) Act 2019 and will replace and build upon the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS) system and is planned to come into force in April 2022.

#### Strategy Reviews

12. In February 2021, the City Corporation conducted an annual review of its Corporate Parenting Strategy that sets out our role as a corporate parent and how we will support, care and encourage children and young people to reach their full potential.
13. The strategy has been updated to reflect some of the changes that have had to take place due to the Covid-19 pandemic, such as how the Children in Care Council meets and operates.

14. The City Corporation will shortly be conducting a review of the Corporate Safeguarding Policy, which happens yearly. The policy provides guidance for all City Corporation staff, Members and agencies contracted by the City Corporation who may come across concerns regarding the safeguarding and protection of children, young people and adults at risk within the context of their work.

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