

Scrutiny Panel 23rd July 2020 Item 4 – Update on the Impact of Covid-19 on Poverty and Inequalities in the Borough	Item No 4
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OUTLINE

The current pandemic (Covid-19) has had a significant impact on the UK, its economy and the daily lives of people. Local authorities and statutory partners have had to refocus their support offer to local residents whilst keeping key services operational. The Council and its statutory partners have also had to ensure its resources are best placed to help with the immediate challenges presenting now and in the future.

While Covid-19 does not discriminate, the impact of the pandemic appears to. There have been concerns locally and nationally about the disproportionate impact of the pandemic on certain communities and the impact this is having on poverty and inequalities.

The discussion will cover the following areas:

- The analysis and assessment of the impact on poverty and inequalities in the borough
- Information about the areas highlighted in a recent letter from Cllr Williams to a parliamentary inquiry on people and protected characteristics
- Verbal update on the future plans and refresh of the Corporate Plan as a result of Covid-19.

The reports attached in the agenda provide information about the impact of Covid-19 on poverty and inequalities in the borough.

Attending for this item will be:

- **Cllr Carole Williams**, Cabinet Member for Employment, Skills and Human Resources
- **Sonia Khan**, Head of Policy and Strategic Delivery

ACTION

The Scrutiny Panel is requested to note the reports and ask questions.