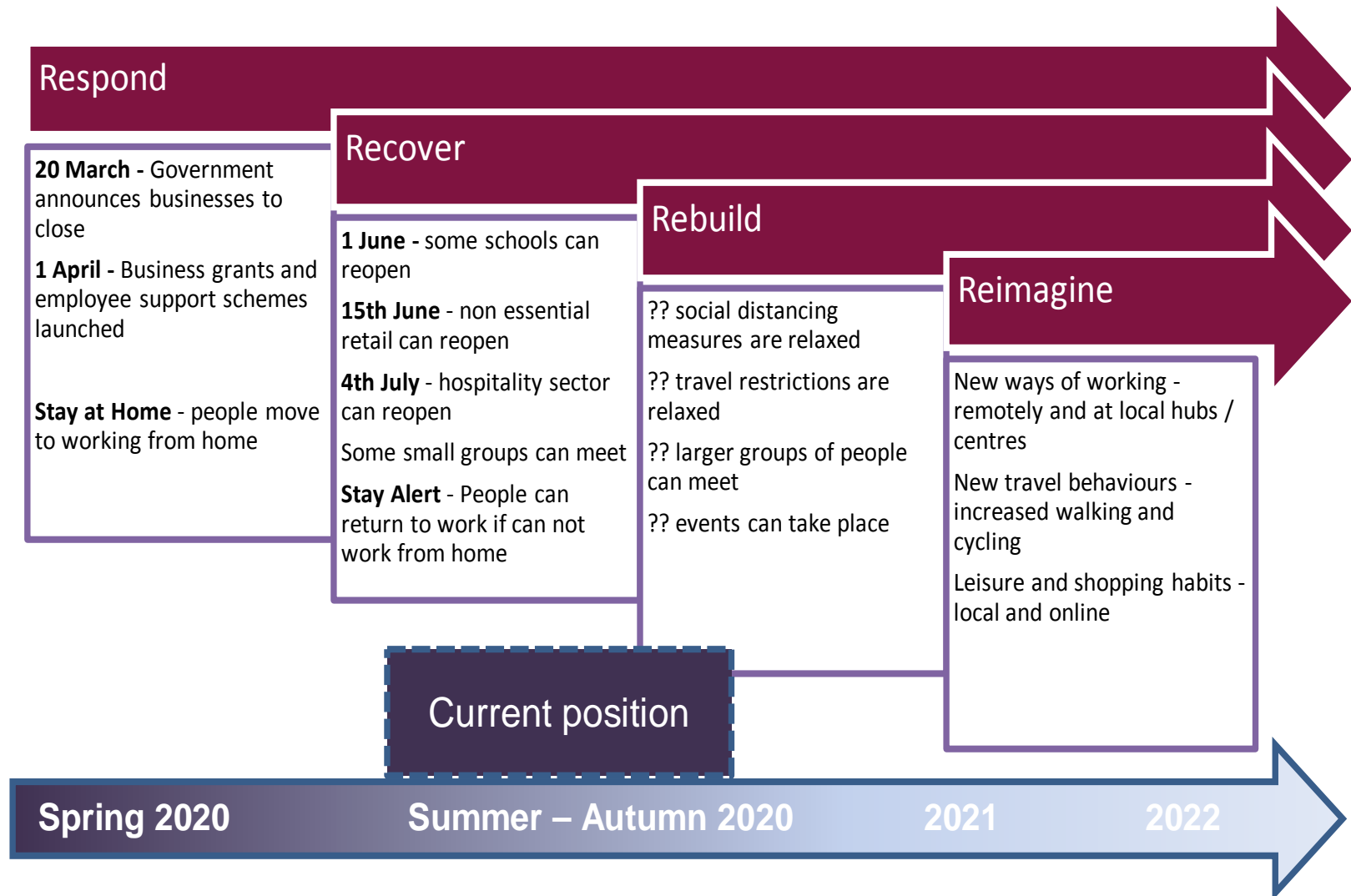


# COVID restoration plans

Health & Environment Policy Committee  
7 July 2020



# COVID - FROM RESPOND TO REIMAGINE



# Community



# RESPOND – VULNERABLE PEOPLE

“Shielded group” of extremely vulnerable people

- Initially 1,618 in the district (1.3% of population)
- Advised to isolate for 12 weeks
- Weekly government food parcels, priority supermarket deliveries, prescription delivery service
- 785 currently registered to receive food parcels
- Additional support provided locally









Other vulnerable people

- Older people
- Other medical conditions
- Self-isolating
- Single parents






# RESPOND – COMMUNITY NETWORKS

## Volunteer groups across the district

-  Parish and town councils
-  Mutual aid groups
-  Friends and next door neighbours
-  Neighbourhood Watch groups
-  Churches
-  Social prescribers
-  Food banks, Citizens Advice
-  2027 NHS volunteers

## Common requests for help

-  Shopping / food
-  Prescriptions
-  Loneliness / reassurance

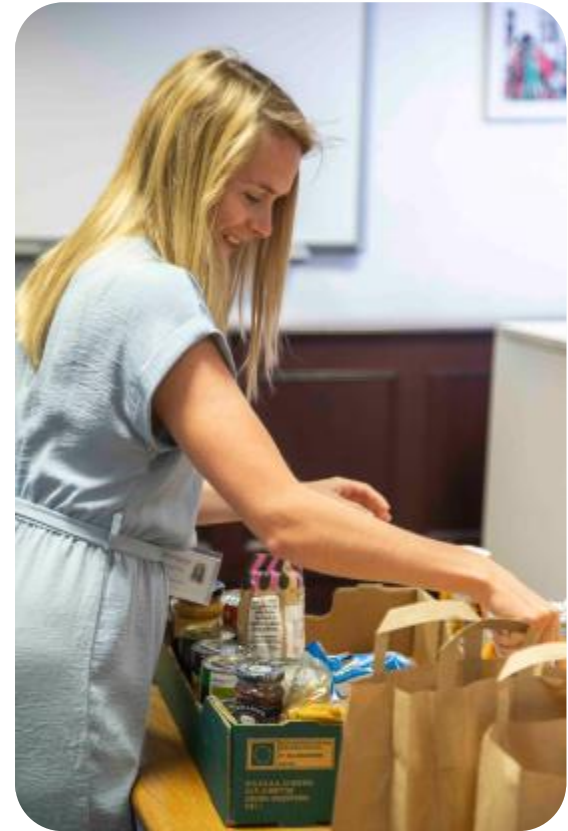


## Cllr Lucille Thompson, Leader of Winchester City Council, said:

"During Volunteers' Week, I'd like to offer a massive **THANK YOU** to everyone who selflessly gives up their time to help others. Volunteering makes our communities stronger, happier places, and regular acts of kindness by volunteers can provide a lifeline as we've seen in recent times. We are so proud to work in partnership with the many volunteer groups, organisations and charities across our district."

# RESPOND – COUNCIL SUPPORT

- Local response centre open 9am-5pm, 7 days per week
- Telephone helpline has taken 677 calls
- 77 emergency food parcels delivered
- £9,900 to help provide hot meals for vulnerable people
- £375,072 distributed in additional council tax reduction to 1,693 people
- 1,650 reassurance calls to elderly tenants
- Guidance and support on our website
- Volunteer support and guidance from Community First
- Liaison with key community stakeholders
- £990,000 in business grant support to 84 local groups

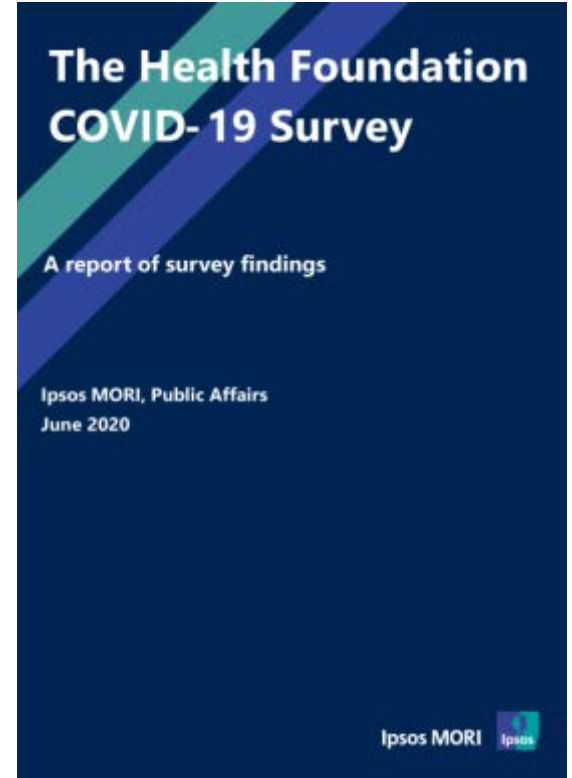




# RECOVER – THE NATIONAL PICTURE


Ipsos MORI poll by The Health Foundation (May 2020) tells us...

- 77% of people are concerned about the impact of social distancing on the health and wellbeing of the nation (83% among over 65's)
- 46% of the population feel the crisis is affecting their mental health in one way or another
- 47% are finding it harder to communicate with friends and family
- 41% of people have experienced a negative impact on their income



# RECOVER – THE CHALLENGES

 People suffering hardship

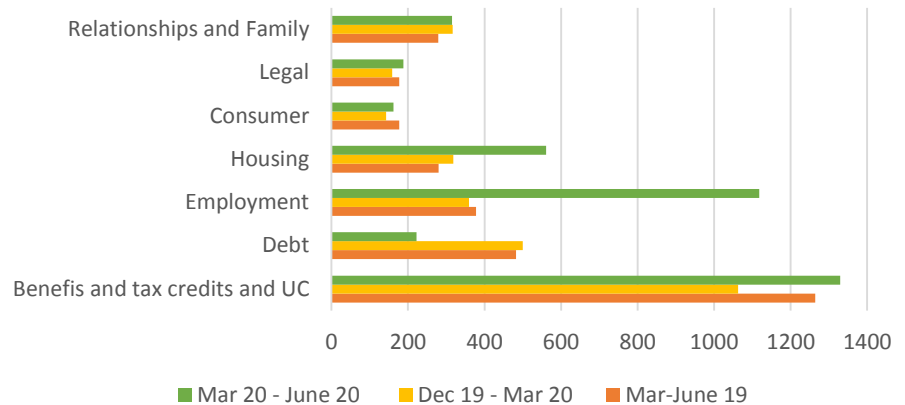
 Lag in impacts – when support schemes end

 Community confidence

## Winchester Basics Bank



## Citizens Advice Winchester



# RECOVER – THE ROLE OF COMMUNITY






Locality's new report,  
“We Were Built for This” says...







- 🏰 Community organisations have often been the quickest to mobilise and adapt their services
- 🏰 Community organisations have been the glue that has held together the community response
- 🏰 In areas where the public, community and private sector already have strong, collaborative relationships, support was made available faster and has been more effective
- 🏰 Community organisations have been able to harness the upsurge in community spirit

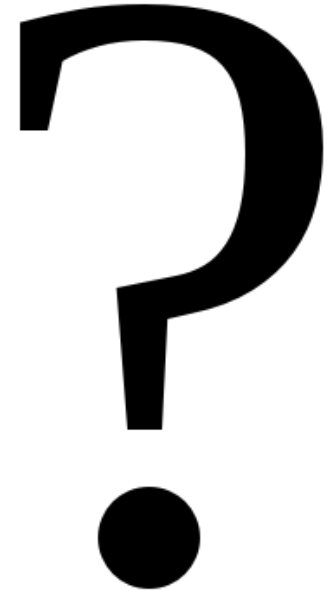
# RECOVER – GAPS IN OUR KNOWLEDGE

We are gathering information from...

-  Volunteers
-  Community groups and service providers
-  Town and parish councils
-  Community centres and village halls
-  Sports, arts and cultural sectors





To find out...

-  How many people have been helped?
-  Has demand increased or decreased?
-  What has worked well and what has been a challenge?
-  How well placed they are to continue / recover?







# RECOVER – VULNERABLE PEOPLE

We continue to work with key agencies to support those in need

-  One-to-one discussion and monitoring of situation
-  Temporary premises to cope with demand
-  Facilitating collaborative working
-  Quick release of grant funding

Many uncertainties remain

-  Potential for second spike
-  Possible increase in demand due to lag in impact being felt
-  Length of restrictions
-  Long-term resilience of volunteer networks

# RECOVER – PROMOTE WELLBEING

We are taking steps to create confidence

- 🏰 Sustain support for vulnerable people
- 🏰 Volunteer shift to befriending
- 🏰 Safe reopening of our town centres
- 🏰 Simple, consistent signs and messaging about public places








We are encouraging good physical health




- 🏰 Safe use of parks and open spaces
- 🏰 Gradual return to group activities
- 🏰 Bespoke support for people with long-term health conditions
- 🏰 Measures to encourage walking and cycling

# REBUILD AND REIMAGINE

## Volunteers and a strong community




-  Sustain new local voluntary networks such as mutual aid
-  A new role for community buildings?
-  Recognise our key workers and volunteers
-  Build on the legacy of volunteering
-  Create resilience for the future

## Positive health and wellbeing

-  Reintroduce events and sporting activity
-  Sustain changes in travel behaviours
-  Develop the legacy of 'be nice to each other'

# PARTNERSHIP TO RECOVERY

Partnerships and collaborations will be vital in moving forward. Community stakeholders have identified this as a key role for the council in the journey to recovery.

-  Parish and town councils have demonstrated their leadership during lockdown
-  New networks have emerged in the city area
-  New collaborations have been forged with health partners that create opportunities for the future

These partners will help us shape a community and wellbeing strategy over the coming months, which will be heavily shaped by the experiences of COVID-19.



# Open spaces



# OPEN SPACES

- Many parks and gardens remained open during lockdown to provide recreational opportunities for residents taking their daily exercise.
- Certain facilities/areas were closed in line with Government guidance including playgrounds & outdoor sports facilities.
- Suitable signage was used and some spaces were kept partially open to provide space for walking, running and cycling. In open spaces where play areas are unfenced equipment was disabled
- Social distancing signs have been displayed to reinforce messaging and encourage safe use of open spaces.



# CHANGES IN GOVERNMENT GUIDANCE

Relaxation of restrictions by Government enabled some facilities to be re-opened in May and June. Additional measures used like a one way system in Abbey Gardens following new Govt. guidance.

Skate parks at KGV, Stanmore and North Walls re-opened with appropriate signage in place.

Some sporting activities have been resumed, as Crown bowling and football training, signage in place and arrangements on site managed by clubs.

Playgrounds and outdoor gyms remained closed but can be brought back into use from 4<sup>th</sup> July onwards with appropriate measures in place to protect the public. Government guidance issued 26<sup>th</sup> June and being assessed by officers.

Sites have been regularly monitored for health & safety purposes and to ensure areas were being used responsibly working with other agencies like the police. Further measures will be taken, where required, to manage any issues that come to light.

Support for parishes with the re-opening of their play areas.



# Transport



# CITY OF WINCHESTER MOVEMENT STRATEGY

## Interdependent Studies



Park and Ride



Local Walking and Cycling Infrastructure Plan



Urban Freight Transport



Winchester City Centre Movement and Place Plan



Bus Provision



Parking and Access Strategy



Local Plan

# WMS Feasibility Studies - Programme

September 2019

May 2020

September 2020

## Phase 1

Options identified and sifted; high level analysis; Stakeholder engagement

## Phase 2

detailed assessment of prioritised options

## Funding Applications

Business Case development



Local Walking and Cycling Infrastructure Plan



Winchester City Centre Movement and Place Plan






Park and Ride





# TRANSPORT RECOVERY

## Transport Recovery Measures - Wave 1

-  North Walls – Reallocation of carriageway to footway
-  Jewry Street – Reallocation of carriageway to footway
-  Hyde Street – Modal filter at the junction with Jewry Street to allow only pedestrian and cycle access.

## Transport Recovery Measures – Wave 2

-  The Square – Design Stage
-  City Bridge – Design Stage





# TRANSPORT RECOVERY

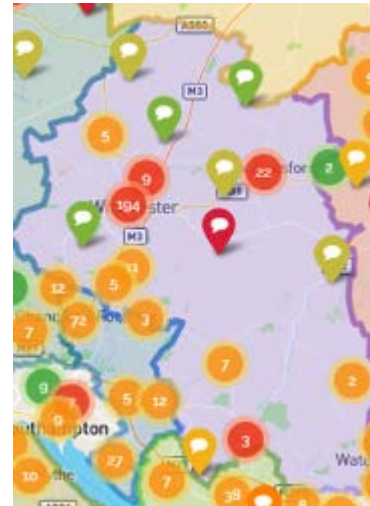
## Winchester City Centre – Future Waves

- Additional social distance / active travel measures submitted to HCC for future waves in line with Government funding in and around the city centre

## Market Towns

- Social distance / active travel measures requested by Alresford, Bishop's Waltham, Denmead and Wickham submitted to HCC's Highways Covid19 Team
- Measures include; widening footways, signage, additional cycle parking, cutting of foliage

## Hants Covid Travel Map – Winchester District



**WCC to continue to work with HCC to implement measures**

# TRANSPORT RECOVERY

## Park and Ride

- Reduced service - 23 March to 31st May
- Full service reinstated – 1<sup>st</sup> June
- Social distancing to be controlled on all buses (11 passengers per bus)
- Continuing in-house publicity
- Contingency plan of amending timetable slightly to reserve one bus for NHS shuttle use only
- Contingency plan of reserving Pitt (200 spaces) for NHS staff only
- Encourage use of Park and Walk (East) and Park and Cycle (east and south)
- Week by week monitoring of passenger loadings on bus by bus basis
- Weekly checking of publicity on site
- Social distancing posters erected at bus stops



## New Initiatives : E-Scooter/ E-Bike / Cycle Hub?

Solent Transport / HCC / WCC working together on a funding bid for alternative transport options  
Between the city centre and the Park and Ride car parks

# PARKING - USAGE

- During lockdown parking fell to almost zero
- Entire car park offer was maintained, including P&R, albeit at a reduced service level.
- No charges have been applied to key workers and dedicated spaces for them provided in our Tower Street car park.
- Parking demand is increasing slowly with relaxation of lockdown and continued Government advice to avoid public transport. Still at low levels.



# PARKING - MANAGEMENT

- 🏰 To support the economic recovery the Council is looking at ways to cater for the increase in car use by reviewing the management of all of our car parks across the district
- 🏰 We have determined whether additional steps are required in terms of signing/messaging, cleansing and other measures following Government and British Parking Association guidance.
- 🏰 We are working with parish councils looking to make temporary changes to town/village centres to entice customers.



# PARKING - ENFORCEMENT

- 🏰 Enforcement – During full lockdown – only prioritising dangerous parking and making allowances for increased on-street parking demand in residents' permit areas resulting from homeworking.
- 🏰 Enforcement June – August - phased reintroduction of enforcement - County Council guidance for on-street parking.
- 🏰 Reintroduction of enforcement started with the issuing warning notices rather than penalty charge notices.
- 🏰 August onwards – full enforcement



Thank you....  
Questions

