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Title: Vaccine Opinion Poll Results

Executive Summary

On 25 June 2020, the Health Committee noted the following standing delegation:

At its Annual Meeting on 15 May 2020, the Assembly agreed to delegate authority to the Chair of the Health Committee, in consultation with the Deputy Chair of the Health Committee, to agree any outputs of that Committee, in accordance with the agreed work programme, for the period up until the May 2021 GLA elections.

In October 2020, the Health Committee launched a poll on vaccine opinions in London to support its investigation on preparing London for a COVID-19 vaccine. The Committee found that:

- In response to the question ‘would you get a COVID-19 vaccine when one becomes available on the NHS?’ a quarter of respondents answered ‘unlikely’ or ‘definitely not’, and around three in five people (66%) answered ‘likely’ or ‘definitely will’;
- In response to the question ‘if you are unsure, unlikely or definitely wouldn’t get a vaccine, what are your reasons for that response?’ almost half of those who would not or might not get a vaccine (47.5%) said that they either did not trust government guidance or did not trust drug companies; and
- In response to the question ‘do you think that the NHS can distribute a vaccine in London quickly once it is developed?’ more than half answered ‘no’ or ‘don’t know’.

Other findings from the poll include:

- The 45-54 age group had the most respondents say they were not likely to have the vaccine;
- Over half of those who would not get a vaccine get their news from YouTube;
- Around 7 out of 10 of those who would get a vaccine get their news from national and local news channels, including radio, online and television; and
- There are fewer people in the east of London compared to the rest of the city who say they would definitely or be likely to get the vaccine.

These survey findings show that, if vaccine uptake rates need to be as high for COVID-19, Londoners and London could fall short in creating the necessary herd immunity.

The findings demonstrate that London’s NHS must showcase how it is preparing for the vaccine and how it will handle vaccinations. This comes amidst announcements from the government that it is preparing for fast-approaching approvals of a new vaccine.

Decision

That the Chair, in consultation with the Deputy Chair:

- Agrees the high-level summary of the Health Committee's vaccine opinion poll results for the basis of related outputs, including press releases and correspondence; and
- Recommends a "Debunk, Reassure and Promote" campaign by the government, NHS England and the Mayor that: debunks myths around vaccines and vaccinations; reassures people of the safety of the vaccine; and promotes the uptake of vaccines to all age groups, but specifically targets those who the government has said will be getting the vaccine first.

Assembly Member

I confirm that I do not have any disclosable pecuniary interests in the proposed decision and take the decision in compliance with the Code of Conduct for elected Members of the Authority.

The above request has my approval.

Signature**Date** 2/12/20**Printed Name** Dr Onkar Sahota AM, Chair of the Health Committee

Decision by an Assembly Member under Delegated Authority

Notes:

1. *The Lead Officer should prepare this form for signature by relevant Members of the Assembly to record any instance where the Member proposes to take action under a specific delegated authority. The purpose of the form is to record the advice received from officers, and the decision made.*
2. **The 'background' section (below) should be used to include an indication as to whether the information contained in / referred to in this Form should be considered as exempt under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA), or the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR). If so, the specimen Annex (attached below) should be used. If this form does deal with exempt information, you must submit both parts of this form for approval together.**

Background and proposed next steps:

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In October 2020, the Health Committee launched a poll on vaccine opinions in London to support its investigation on preparing London for a COVID-19 vaccine. A summary of the results is outlined in the Executive Summary. This decision will be formally noted at the Committee's next appropriate meeting.

Confirmation that appropriate delegated authority exists for this decision

Signed by Committee Services	L J Harvey	Date	16/11/20
Print Name: Lauren Harvey		Tel:	x4383


Financial implications

NOT REQUIRED

Signed by Finance	N/A	Date
Print Name	N/A	Tel:

Legal implications

The Chair of the Health Committee has the power to make the decision set out in this report.

Signed by Legal		Date	16/11/20
Print Name	Emma Strain, Monitoring Officer	Tel:	X 4399

Additional information should be provided supported by background papers. These could include for example the business case, a project report or the results of procurement evaluation.

Supporting detail/List of Consultees:

Andrew Boff AM (Deputy Chair of the Health Committee)

Public Access to Information

Information in this form (Part 1) is subject to the FoIA, or the EIR and will be made available on the GLA Website within one working day of approval.

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Part 1 – Deferral

Is the publication of Part 1 of this approval to be deferred? No


Until what date: (a date is required if deferring)

Part 2 – Sensitive information

Only the facts or advice that would be exempt from disclosure under FoIA or EIR should be included in the separate Part 2 form, together with the legal rationale for non-publication.

Is there a part 2 form - No

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