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- a. Level 1, medium: the national baseline.
- b. Level 2, high: as medium, but with no household mixing indoors (with exceptions for support or childcare 'bubbles') and guidance to reduce unnecessary travel.
- c. Level 3, very high: as high, but with: no household mixing in gardens / other private outdoor settings; no wedding receptions; guidance not to travel in or out of area (ditto for overnight stays); closure for 'wet led' pubs and bars. In addition, there is scope to agree with local leaders a broader package from a menu of other closures and restrictions, dependent on the epidemiology, demography and economy of the area.
- 9. The baseline Level 3 measures, on their own, are very unlikely to bring R to 1. Local areas could request to go further than this baseline by, for example, imposing restrictions on the leisure, entertainment or personal care sectors. No local area would be able to close non-essential retail, schools or universities. Nor would they be able to reinstate the 2m+ social distancing rule.
- 10. The full proposition, including the options available to local leaders, is set out in Annex B. Ministers should note the following substantive changes since the proposal was last brought before the Committee:

a. Social contact:

- i. At Level 3, the rule of six will only apply in free-to-enter outdoor public spaces (such as parks, beaches, countryside, forests, streets, walkways, public gardens, allotments, playgrounds), and outdoor sports clubs, courts and facilities. Households will not otherwise be allowed to socialise with people from other households
- Across all levels, commemorative events, such as stone-settings, will be permitted, up to a limit of 15 people. This brings consistency with the previously agreed position on wakes.
- iii. At Level 3, all forms of under 18 supervised youth and children's activities will be permitted in any location. This is to ensure no unintentional loss of childcare provision between different levels. Local Authorities have discretion to close venues such as leisure centres and community centres, but should consider the equalities impact of such a move and need to continue to