

Policy and Performance - Families and Wellbeing Committee
Tuesday, 8 March 2016

REPORT TITLE:	WORK PROGRAMME UPDATE REPORT
REPORT OF:	THE CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE

REPORT SUMMARY

This report updates members on progress towards delivering the work programme for the Families and Wellbeing Policy & Performance Committee as agreed for the 2015/16 municipal year. There is also an opportunity for members to review the work programme.

The Families and Wellbeing Policy & Performance Committee is responsible for proposing and delivering an annual work programme. This work programme should align with the corporate priorities of the Council and be informed by service priorities and performance, risk management information, public or service user feedback and referrals from Cabinet or Council.

In determining items for the Scrutiny Work Programme, good practice recommends the following criteria could be applied:

- Public Interest – topics should resonate with the local community
- Impact – there should be clear objectives and outcomes that make the work worthwhile
- Council Performance – the focus should be on improving performance
- Keeping in Context – should ensure best use of time and resources

The current work programme is made up of a combination of scrutiny reviews, standing items and requested officer reports. This provides the committee with an opportunity to plan and regularly review its work across the municipal year. The current work programme for the Committee is attached as Appendix 1.

RECOMMENDATION/S

Members are requested to approve the updated Families and Wellbeing Policy & Performance Committee work programme for 2015/16 as shown in the appendix, making any required amendments.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

To ensure members of the Families and Wellbeing Policy & Performance Committee have the opportunity to regularly review and update the annual work programme.

2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

Not Applicable

3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

3.1 SCRUTINY REVIEWS - UPDATE

3.1.1 Safeguarding Children Scrutiny Review

The report of the Safeguarding Children task & finish group was approved by the previous committee meeting on 19th January. The report is expected to be referred to a Cabinet meeting in the near future.

3.1.2 Avoiding Admissions Scrutiny Review

Committee has previously agreed to undertake a task & finish group review of the impact of enhanced community-based care provision on the level of admissions to acute hospital settings. Members of the task & finish group are Councillors Moira McLaughlin (Chair), Bruce Berry, Alan Brighthouse, Treena Johnson and Denise Roberts. Evidence-gathering sessions have progressed well and are nearing completion. It is planned for a report to be produced by the task & finish group members in readiness for the first Committee meeting of the new municipal year.

3.1.3 Children Ready for School Scrutiny Review

It is proposed that a new review relating to children being ready for school will commence shortly. The task & finish group members will be Councillors Alan Brighthouse, Wendy Clements (who will be replacing Paul Hayes on the group), Angela Davies, Treena Johnson and Moira McLaughlin. It is now hoped to hold an initial meeting in early March to consider the scope of the review.

3.1.4 Budget Scrutiny

Workshops were held to enable members of each of the three Policy & Performance Committees to consider relevant items which form part of the 2016/17 budget proposals. The well-attended Families and Wellbeing workshop was held on 11th January 2016. The outcomes from all of the workshops formed the basis of a single report which was presented to Coordinating Committee on 16th February.

3.2 'FOCUS ON.....' SESSIONS

- 3.2.1 It is proposed that only one further 'Focus On' sessions will be held during the current municipal year. That session was held on 17th February at which Wirral Community Trust (WCT) provided an update regarding the services delivered by the Trust and their plans for future delivery.

3.3 REPORTS DISTRIBUTED TO MEMBERS SINCE THE LAST COMMITTEE MEETING

- 3.3.1 In order to reduce the number of agenda items at meetings, some reports will be distributed to Committee members outside the committee schedule. In order to maintain public transparency, all reports dealt with in this way will be highlighted in this report.
- 3.3.2 Since the last Committee meeting on 19th January 2016, no reports have been distributed to members in this way.

3.4 CHILDREN SUB-COMMITTEE

- 3.4.1 The next meeting of the Children Sub-Committee is scheduled for 30th March 2016.

3.5 HEALTH & CARE PERFORMANCE PANEL

- 3.5.1 The next meeting of the Health & Care Performance Panel is scheduled for 16th March 2016. The agenda will include an update from Cheshire and Wirral Partnership Trust regarding the outcomes and response to the recent publication of the CQC inspection report.

3.6 CARE QUALITY COMMISSION (CQC) – INSPECTIONS OF LOCAL HEALTH PROVIDERS

- 3.6.1 As previously reported, an announced inspection of Wirral University Teaching Hospital Foundation Trust took place in September 2015. To date, no report has been published by the CQC.
- 3.6.2 Weekly bulletins are now received from the CQC providing updates relating to the outcomes of inspections of social care providers and GP practices and dental surgeries. The inspection results for Wirral-based providers are being forwarded to Committee members on a regular basis.

3.7 PROGRESS IMPLEMENTING PREVIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.7.1 The outcomes from the recommendations arising from the Looked After Children scrutiny review are due to be reported to this committee as a separate item to this agenda. A similar report for the Care Homes scrutiny review is due to be reported to a meeting of the Health & Care Performance Panel in March 2016.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Not Applicable

5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Not Applicable

6.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: ICT, STAFFING AND ASSETS

Not Applicable

7.0 RELEVANT RISKS

Not Applicable

8.0 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION

Not Applicable

9.0 EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

This report is for information to Members and there are no direct equality implications.

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1: Families and Wellbeing work programme

REFERENCE MATERIAL

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date