

Adult Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Tuesday 29th January 2019

REPORT TITLE:	Adult Care and Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee - Work programme update report
REPORT OF:	Chair of the Adult Care and Health Committee

REPORT SUMMARY

The Adult Care and Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee, in cooperation with the three other Overview & Scrutiny Committees, are responsible for proposing and delivering an annual scrutiny work programme. This work programme should align with the corporate priorities of the Council, in particular the delivery of the Wirral Plan pledges which are within the remit of the Committee.

This report supports Members in developing and managing the scrutiny work programme for the 2018/19 municipal year.

The report provides an update regarding progress made since the last Committee meeting held on 27th November 2018. The current work programme is made up of a combination of scrutiny reviews, workshops, standing items and requested officer reports. This update report provides the Committee with an opportunity to plan, review and evaluate its work across the municipal year.

The work programme for the Adult Care and Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee for the 2018/19 municipal year is attached as Appendix 1 to this report.

RECOMMENDATION/S

Members are requested to:

1. Approve the proposed Adult Care and Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee work programme for 2018/19, making any required amendments.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

To ensure members of the Adult Care and Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee have the opportunity to contribute to the delivery of the annual work programme.

2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

Not Applicable

3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

3.1 SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME ITEMS

Joint Health Scrutiny

A joint health scrutiny committee was held with Members of Cheshire West and Chester Council on 11th December 2018 to discuss the Urgent Care Consultation, following the agreement of Members of both Councils that the proposed changes to urgent care constituted a 'significant variation' to health services in the area. Recommendations were put forward, and it is proposed that the joint health committee meet again later in the municipal year to discuss the consultation conclusions.

Budget Scrutiny

A workshop was held in December 2018 to allow Members to review budget proposals and savings and efficiency plans for 2019/20 under the remit of the Adult Care and Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee. A full report detailing the outcomes of the workshop can be found elsewhere on January's agenda.

Pooled Fund Arrangements

In order to ensure open and transparent working arrangements between Elected Members and local health and care commissioners, it was proposed that a workshop be convened in January 2019 to enable scrutiny of future pooled funding arrangements for Wirral Health and Care Commissioning. The aims of the workshop were to present proposed arrangements to Members and to ensure that concerns, issues and comments were fully responded to. A full workshop report can be found elsewhere on January's agenda.

Reality Check Visits

At previous meetings of the Adult Care and Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee, it has been suggested that Members may find value in visiting both Arrowe Park Hospital and the Seacombe Birthing Centre in order to view the facilities, and to observe the experiences of both patients and staff. These visits will be co-ordinated by Healthwatch, and are expected to take place later in the municipal year.

3.2 FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THE SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME

In line with the remit of the Committee and the principles for prioritisation, Members are requested to suggest possible topics for inclusion in the work programme. Committee Members should also consider how best to further develop the work programme in advance of the next scheduled Committee

meeting in March. This could be achieved by Committee providing delegated authority to the Chair, Vice Chair and Spokespersons to provide further detailed input to the work programme's development.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Not Applicable

5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Not Applicable

6.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: ICT, STAFFING AND ASSETS

The delivery of the scrutiny work programme will be met from within existing resources.

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: Adult Care and Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee – Work Programme

REFERENCE MATERIAL - SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date
Adult Care and Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee	27th June 2018
Adult Care and Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee	12th September 2018
Adult Care and Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee	27th November 2018