

WIRRAL COUNCIL

FAMILIES AND WELLBEING POLICY & PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

2ND FEBRUARY 2015

SUBJECT:	<i>COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME</i>
REPORT OF:	<i>THE CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE</i>

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 This report updates Members on progress towards delivering the work programme for the Families and Wellbeing Policy & Performance Committee.

2.0 BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

2.1 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.

2.2 The 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.

3.0 CURRENT / RECENT SCRUTINY REVIEWS - UPDATE

3.1 Future Council

Members will be aware that, during September and October 2014, detailed scrutiny work took place with members of this Committee focusing particularly on four Future Council options, namely:

- Youth and Play Services
- Girtrell Court
- All-age Disability Service
- West Kirby Marine Lake

The final report was submitted to Cabinet, along with similar reports from the other Policy & Performance Committees on 9th December, prior to budget decisions being finalised at Council on 15th December. The relevant budget options agreed by Cabinet and endorsed by Council were:

Savings Proposal	Officer Proposal	Agreed Saving
	2015-16	2015-16
	£000s	£000s
Youth and Play	450	0
All Age Disability Service	600	600
West Kirby Marine Lake	25	25
Girtrell Court	385	385
Sub Total	1,460	1,010

3.2 Safeguarding Children Scrutiny Review

Panel members met recently to assess progress to date with this review and plan the remaining activities. A further three evidence-gathering sessions will be scheduled prior to the review being concluded before the end of the municipal year. Future sessions will include a meeting with children and families who have experience of the system.

3.3 Commissioning community services, managing the market and reducing reliance on residential and nursing care services

The Committee's annual work program includes a review of the relationship between the provision of care in the community and the necessity for admission of people to residential and nursing homes and possibly to hospital. A report can be found as a separate item on the agenda for this meeting regarding this topic. Members may wish to determine whether to form a task & finish group to undertake further detailed work.

4.0 REPORTS DISTRIBUTED TO MEMBERS SINCE THE LAST COMMITTEE MEETING

4.1 At a previous meeting, Committee agreed, in principle, that 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, it was also agreed that all reports dealt with in this way will be highlighted in this report.

4.2 Since the last Committee meeting, no reports have been distributed to members in this way.

5.0 SPOTLIGHT SESSIONS

5.1 At a previous meeting, Committee agreed, in principle, for members to hold Spotlight sessions, which, in an informal setting, will enable a topic to be explored in greater detail than time would allow during a formal Committee meeting.

- 5.2 Two sessions have been held recently, both of which were learning events for members:
- An update of the provisions of the Children and Families Act 2014 – Led by Julia Hassall (27th November 2014)
 - Proposals for the implementation of the Care Act 2014 – Led by Jon Goldie and Graham Hodgkinson (8th January 2015)

It was proposed that a further Spotlight session regarding the Care Act should be held in approximately six months. The work programme has been amended accordingly.

- 5.3 Future sessions are proposed as follows:
- An information session led by CRI, the providers of drug and alcohol services (21st January 2015)
 - NHS & Social Care Integration plus Vision 2018 – Led by Graham Hodgkinson (Date to be confirmed in 2015)

6.0 ATTAINMENT SUB-COMMITTEE –

- 6.1 The latest meeting of the Attainment Sub-Committee was held on 10th December. The minutes of that meeting are included as a separate item on the agenda for this meeting. The next meeting of the Attainment Sub-Committee is scheduled for 4th March 2015.

7.0 HEALTH & CARE PERFORMANCE PANEL

- 7.1 Two meetings of the Health & Care Performance Panel have been held recently. The meeting held on 19th November focused on care home issues. The subsequent meeting held on 11th December included reports following recent CQC inspections of two local health providers, namely, Wirral Community Trust and Wirral University Teaching Hospital. Reports from those meetings can be found as a separate item on the agenda for this meeting.
- 7.2 The next meeting of the Panel is arranged for 4th February at which home care provision will be reviewed as will performance measures for the health sector.

8.0 CLATTERBRIDGE CANCER CENTRE – PROPOSED RE-ORGANISATION OF SERVICES

- 8.1 Members will be aware of the proposal to re-configure the services provided by Clatterbridge Cancer Centre (CCC). A joint health scrutiny committee, comprising members from across Cheshire and Merseyside, has been appointed to scrutinise the proposals in detail. Wirral Council was represented on the joint committee by Councillors Moira McLaughlin and Wendy Clements. The administration for the joint committee was provided by Liverpool City Council. Copies of the meeting agendas, reports and minutes are available on the following link:
<http://councillors.liverpool.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CId=1445&Year=0>

The joint committee has now concluded their work and a report can be found as a separate item on the agenda for this meeting.

9.0 PROGRESS IMPLEMENTING PREVIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS

9.1 The outstanding recommendations from previous scrutiny reviews for this Committee relate to the following Reviews completed in the previous municipal year. It has previously been agreed by members that these scrutiny reports will be monitored as follows:

- Outcomes for Looked After Children – An update report was provided to members of this Committee at the meeting held on 2nd December 2014. Members requested a further update in approximately one year's time (that is, end of 2015).
- Implications of the Francis Report for Wirral - referred to the Health and Care Performance Panel for initial consideration. This report was discussed by Panel members at a meeting held on 20th October and a further update will be provided to a future meeting of the Panel.
- Quality Assurance and Standards in Care Homes - referred to the Health and Care Performance Panel for initial consideration. This report was discussed by Panel members at a meeting held on 19th November 2014 and a further update was requested by members in mid-2015.

10.0 FRAMEWORK FOR EFFECTIVE WORKING BETWEEN THE HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD, HEALTHWATCH AND HEALTH SCRUTINY

10.1 The Robert Francis report stressed the necessity “to promote the coordination and cooperation between local Healthwatch, Health & Wellbeing Boards and local government scrutiny committees”. A meeting between representatives of health scrutiny, Healthwatch and the Health & Wellbeing Board to propose areas for collaborative working and avoid duplication of effort had been scheduled for 5th December 2014. However, this meeting had to be cancelled and has now been re-arranged for 4th February 2015.

11.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

11.1 Members are requested to approve the updated Families and Wellbeing Policy & Performance Committee work programme for 2014/15 as shown in the appendix, making any necessary amendments.

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