

WIRRAL COUNCIL

FAMILIES AND WELLBEING POLICY & PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

23RD MARCH 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 Safeguarding Children Scrutiny Review
Further evidence-gathering sessions are being held and it is still planned for the review to be concluded before the end of the municipal year. It is envisaged that the report from this scrutiny review will be available for the first Committee meeting of the new municipal year.
- 3.2 Care in the community and avoiding admissions.
The previous meeting of the Committee, held on 2nd February, agreed to undertake a task & finish group 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 hospital admissions / re-admissions. Nominated members to the task & finish group are Councillors Bruce Berry, Alan Brighthouse, Treena Johnson, Moira McLaughlin, Denise Roberts and Christine Spriggs. It is now hoped to agree the scope of the review and commence the evidence-gathering in the new municipal year.

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 One session has been held recently:
- An information session led by CRI, the providers of drug and alcohol services (21st January 2015)
- 5.3 It has been agreed that, due to the closeness of the election period, no further Spotlight sessions will be organised during this municipal year. However, it is hoped that further sessions will be held during the next municipal year. Initial suggestions include:
- Work programme planning workshop – It is proposed to hold a workshop in June (prior to the first formal meeting of the Committee, which is scheduled for early July) to enable members to discuss their priorities for the new municipal year and develop thinking on the Committee's work programme.
 - NHS & Social Care Integration plus Vision 2018
 - Implementation of the Care Act (a follow-up session to the one held in January 2015)

6.0 ATTAINMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

- 6.1 The latest meeting of the Attainment Sub-Committee was held on 4th March. The minutes of that meeting are included as a separate item on the agenda for this meeting. No further meetings of the Attainment Sub-Committee are scheduled during this municipal year.

7.0 HEALTH & CARE PERFORMANCE PANEL

- 7.1 A meeting of the Health & Care Performance Panel was held on the 4th February, when the main item on the agenda related to the domiciliary care service. A report from that meeting can be found as a separate item on the agenda for this meeting.
- 7.2 The next meeting of the Panel is arranged for 1st April at which officers from Wirral University Teaching Hospital will provide an update to the action plan arising from the recent CQC inspection. A further meeting is scheduled for 12th May when it is planned to review the draft Quality Accounts of the local health providers (Wirral University Teaching Hospital, Cheshire and Wirral Partnership Trust, Wirral Community Trust, Clatterbridge Cancer Centre and North West Ambulance Service).

8.0 CARE QUALITY COMMISSION – PLANNED INSPECTION OF CHESHIRE & WIRRAL PARTNERSHIP NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

- 8.1 A letter has been received from the Care Quality Commission (CQC) advising the Chair of the Committee of the April-June 2015 CQC Inspection programme. The programme includes an announced inspection of Cheshire and Wirral Partnership NHS Foundation Trust. The inspection is scheduled for June 2015. The CQC is signalling its intention to make contact with relevant Health Overview and Scrutiny Committees before inspections take place to provide an opportunity for Committees to advise on how best the CQC may gather people's experiences of care and to share information they have about the services subject to inspection.
- 8.2 In view of the inspection timescales for Cheshire & Wirral Partnership Trust, it is proposed that following preparation by Council officers, the Chair and Spokespersons be authorised to finalise any response from this Committee.

9.0 PROGRESS IMPLEMENTING PREVIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS

- 9.1 An update regarding the monitoring of outstanding recommendations from previous scrutiny reviews for this Committee was provided at the previous meeting, held on 2nd February 2015. No further updates are currently available.

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

- 10.1 Committee has been previously informed of the intention to hold a meeting between representatives of health scrutiny, Healthwatch and the Health & Wellbeing Board to propose areas for collaborative working and avoid duplication between the three bodies. The first meeting was held on 4th February 2015, with a follow-up meeting now arranged for 13th April. It is hoped that a draft protocol can be developed for discussion by this Committee at a future date.

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.
- 11.2 In view of the Care Quality Commission inspection timescales for Cheshire & Wirral Partnership NHS Foundation Trust, it is suggested that following preparation by Council officers, the Chair and Spokespersons be authorised to finalise any response to the CQC from this Committee regarding requested information.

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