

# WIRRAL COUNCIL

## FAMILIES AND WELLBEING POLICY & PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2015

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

### 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 as agreed for the 2014/15 municipal year. There is also an opportunity for members to review the programme for the new municipal year.

### 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 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
- 2.3 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 work programme as at the end of the 2014/15 municipal year is attached as Appendix 1.
- 2.4 Initial discussions have been held with the Chair, Vice Chair and Group Spokespersons. Preliminary suggestions for a work programme are described below. Members are welcome to make further suggestions for items to be included on the work programme.

### 3.0 SCRUTINY REVIEWS - UPDATE

- 3.1 Safeguarding Children Scrutiny Review  
This review is now nearing completion. Further evidence-gathering sessions have been held. Members are now concluding the review by assessing the evidence found to date and starting to consider potential recommendations. It is anticipated that the report from this scrutiny review will be available for the Committee meeting in September.

### 3.2 Care in the community and avoiding admissions.

Committee has previously 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. Due to the election period, progress with the review has been delayed. It is now hoped to arrange a meeting to discuss the scope of the review in July.

### 3.3 Children's Centres / Early Years Provision

Members agreed, at the Committee meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2015, that this topic should be added to the work programme for the new municipal year. It is suggested that the review centres upon 'Giving Wirral children the best start in life' and will be commenced later in the municipal year.

## 4.0 REPORTS DEFERRED FROM 2014/15 MUNICIPAL YEAR

It is proposed that a number of suggested items for reports to Committee are rolled forward from the previous year's work programme. The items will be considered as follows:

- Wirral University Teaching Hospital – Cost Improvement plan and A&E targets (The first of these reports was presented to Committee in February 2015. At the time, members requested quarterly updates).  
*Propose to refer to Health & Care Performance Panel*
- Schools Traded Services (A presentation was received in Dec 2014. At that meeting, future progress reports were proposed)  
*Propose report to Families & Wellbeing P&P Committee in September 2015*
- All-age disability service (Report deferred from 2014/15 municipal year).  
*Propose Spotlight session in second half of September 2015*
- Anti-social behaviour, emphasising on youth (Report presented to Committee in February 2015. At the time, a follow-up report was requested. However, it is now proposed that anti-social behaviour will transfer to the remit of Transformation and Resources P&P Committee).  
*Propose to remove from the Families and Wellbeing P&P Committee work programme*
- Child poverty strategy (Report presented to Committee in February. Members requested future progress reports).  
*Propose report to Families & Wellbeing P&P Committee in September 2015*
- Dementia-friendly Council (This was a Notice of Motion supported by Committee in September 2014 and referred back to Council in December 2014. At the time, members requested progress reports).  
*Propose report to Families & Wellbeing P&P Committee at a future date*

## **5.0 SPOTLIGHT SESSIONS**

- 5.1 During the previous municipal year, members held Spotlight sessions, which, in an informal setting, enabled topics to be explored in greater detail than time would allow during the formal Committee meeting. It is proposed that such sessions will be arranged during forthcoming municipal year and will be referred to as 'Focus on .....' sessions.
- 5.2 It is suggested that further sessions will be held during the new municipal year as follows:
- July 2015 – Vanguard project (John Develing / Clare Fish)
  - Sept 2015 – All-age disability (Clare Fish / Julia Hassall)
  - Later 2015 – Mental Health (Clare Fish)
  - Later 2015 – Implementation of the Care Act: update (Graham Hodgkinson)

## **6.0 REPORTS DISTRIBUTED TO MEMBERS SINCE THE LAST COMMITTEE MEETING**

- 6.1 The Chair is proposing that, as with the previous municipal year, 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.
- 6.2 Since the last Committee meeting on March 23<sup>rd</sup> 2015, one report has been distributed to members in this way:  
Local Government Declaration on Tobacco Control – update report  
<http://democracy.wirral.gov.uk/ecSDDisplay.aspx?NAME=SD977&ID=977&RPID=500158622&sch=doc&cat=13587&path=13586%2c13587>

## **7.0 ATTAINMENT (CHILDREN) SUB-COMMITTEE**

- 7.1 The latest meeting of the Attainment Sub-Committee was held on 4<sup>th</sup> March. The minutes of that meeting are included as a separate item on the agenda for this meeting. A separate report on this agenda also provides an overview of proposed plans for the Sub-Committee during the forthcoming municipal year.

## **8.0 HEALTH & CARE PERFORMANCE PANEL**

- 8.1 A meeting of the Health & Care Performance Panel was held on the 1<sup>st</sup> April, when the main item on the agenda was a visit by officers from Wirral University Teaching Hospital to provide an update to the action plan arising from last September's CQC inspection. A report from that meeting can be found as a separate item on the agenda for this meeting.
- 8.2 Sessions were also held on 12<sup>th</sup> May when members reviewed the draft Quality Accounts of the local health providers (Wirral University Teaching Hospital, Cheshire and Wirral Partnership Trust, Wirral Community Trust and Clatterbridge Cancer Centre) following presentations from each of the partners. As a result, formal responses, to be included in the final versions of the Quality Accounts, were sent to the partners, on behalf of the Committee. The draft Quality Account for North West Ambulance Service has also been reviewed and a formal response sent.

8.3 A separate report on this agenda also provides an overview of proposed plans for the Panel during the forthcoming municipal year.

## **9.0 CARE QUALITY COMMISSION – PLANNED INSPECTION OF CHESHIRE & WIRRAL PARTNERSHIP NHS FOUNDATION TRUST**

9.1 A letter has been received from the Care Quality Commission (CQC) advising the Chair of the Committee of the July-September 2015 CQC Inspection programme. The programme includes an announced inspection of Wirral University Foundation Teaching Hospital. The inspection is scheduled for September 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.

9.2 As previously reported, an inspection of Cheshire and Wirral Partnership NHS Foundation Trust is also due to take place towards the end of June 2015.

## **10.0 PROGRESS IMPLEMENTING PREVIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

## **11.0 FRAMEWORK FOR EFFECTIVE WORKING BETWEEN THE HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD, HEALTHWATCH AND HEALTH SCRUTINY**

11.1 Committee has been previously informed of the intention to hold meetings between representatives of health scrutiny, Healthwatch and the Health & Wellbeing Board to propose areas for collaborative working and avoid duplication between the three bodies. A draft protocol, which is reported as a separate item on this agenda, has been developed to promote more joined-up working.

## **12.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

12.1 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 required additions.

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