

# WIRRAL COUNCIL

## FAMILIES AND WELLBEING POLICY & PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

8<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 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 2015/16 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 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.

### 3.0 SCRUTINY REVIEWS - UPDATE

3.1 Safeguarding Children Scrutiny Review  
This review is now nearing completion. The evidence-gathering sessions have concluded and Members have assessed the evidence. Draft recommendations have been proposed and the draft report is being produced. It is now anticipated that the report from this scrutiny review will be available for the Committee meeting in November.

### 3.2 Avoiding admissions Scrutiny Review

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. The first meeting of the task & finish group, when the scope of the review will be discussed, is now scheduled for 3<sup>rd</sup> September. Members of the task & finish group are Councillors Bruce Berry, Alan Brighthouse, Treena Johnson, Moira McLaughlin and Denise Roberts.

## 4.0 'FOCUS ON.....' SESSIONS

4.1 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.

4.2 One session has been held since the last Committee meeting:

- An information session was provided on 20<sup>th</sup> July regarding the Vanguard project. The NHS 'Five Year Forward View' calls for the NHS to take full advantage of the opportunities that science and technology offer to meet the needs of people who are living longer, with complex health issues. To take forward this work, bids were invited from health and social care organisations to become 'vanguard' sites to test new models of care that would enable health and social care staff to work more closely together. Wirral is one of only 29 areas in Britain to have been selected as a 'vanguard site', giving the borough opportunities to strengthen GP, out of hospital and other primary care.

The session was led by Jon Develing (Chief Officer, Wirral CCG), Jo Goodfellow (Associate Director of Strategy and Partnerships, Wirral University Teaching Hospital), Clare Fish (Strategic Director of Families and Wellbeing, Wirral Borough Council) and Val McGee (Interim Director of Development / Interim Deputy Director of Performance, Wirral Community Trust).

4.3 It is suggested that further sessions will be held during the new municipal year as follows:

- All-age disability (Clare Fish / Julia Hassall)
- Mental Health (Clare Fish)
- Implementation of the Care Act: update (Graham Hodkinson)

## 5.0 REPORTS DISTRIBUTED TO MEMBERS SINCE THE LAST COMMITTEE MEETING

5.1 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.

5.2 Since the last Committee meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015, no reports have been distributed to members in this way.

## **6.0 CHILDREN SUB-COMMITTEE**

- 6.1 The first meeting of the Children Sub-Committee during the current municipal year is scheduled for 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2015. Items on the agenda will include:
- 'Giving Wirral children the best start in life'
  - Children social care reorganisation
  - School standards report, including impact on 'narrowing the gap'

## **7.0 HEALTH & CARE PERFORMANCE PANEL**

- 7.1 The first meeting of the municipal year for the Health & Care Performance Panel was held on the 20<sup>th</sup> August. A report from that meeting can be found as a separate item on the agenda for this meeting.

## **8.0 CARE QUALITY COMMISSION (CQC) – INSPECTIONS OF LOCAL HEALTH PROVIDERS**

- 8.1 As previously reported, an inspection of Cheshire and Wirral Partnership NHS Foundation Trust was planned to take place towards the end of June 2015. To date, no report has been published by the Care Quality Commission (CQC).
- 8.2 Also, as previously reported, an announced inspection of Wirral University Foundation Teaching Hospital is scheduled to commence on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2015. As part of its preparations for the inspection, the CQC has contacted the Chair of the Committee providing an opportunity for the Committee to share information they have about the services subject to inspection. In preparation for the inspection, residents are also encouraged to provide their views on the services provided by Wirral University Teaching Hospital to CQC. Residents are able to provide comments via the CQC website, special email address, phone lines or by postal address. CQC also plans to hold a public Listening Event on 8<sup>th</sup> September, prior to the inspection.
- 8.3 As part of a separate inspection process, an unannounced inspection of Arrowe Park hospital was carried out during the evening of 18<sup>th</sup> May 2015. This inspection was due to concerns which had been raised with CQC regarding theatre recovery and related processes. The inspection report was published on 14<sup>th</sup> August and the hospital has been found to require improvement.

## **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 meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2015. No further updates are currently available.

## **10.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 10.1 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 amendments.

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