

WIRRAL COUNCIL

FAMILIES AND WELLBEING POLICY & PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

1ST DECEMBER 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 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, Members have assessed the evidence and the draft report is now produced. A meeting is due to be held with senior officers and the portfolio holder prior to the report being included on the Committee agenda for 19th January.

3.2 Avoiding Admissions Scrutiny Review

Committee has previously agreed to undertake a task & finish group review of the impact of enhanced community-based care provision on the level of admissions to acute hospital settings. Members of the task & finish group are Councillors Moira McLaughlin (Chair), Bruce Berry, Alan Brighthouse, Treena Johnson and Denise Roberts. The scope of the review has now been agreed and a number of evidence-gathering sessions have been held. These include visits to three care homes which provide intermediate care beds, a visit to the Rapid Community Support team at Claughton Medical Centre and a visit to the Integrated Care Coordination Hub at Eastham. A series of other meetings and visits are planned prior to the expected completion of evidence-gathering by the end of January 2016.

3.3 Ready for School Scrutiny Review

It is proposed that a new review relating to children being ready for school will commence shortly. Members are requested to nominate the membership for this task & finish group.

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 further sessions will be arranged during the current municipal year and will be referred to as 'Focus on

4.2 No further sessions have been held since the previous Committee meeting on 8th September.

4.3 Since the previous Committee meeting on 8th September, the following adjustments to the plans for 'Focus On' Sessions have been made:

- All-age disability (Clare Fish / Julia Hassall) – This session will no longer be provided as the All-age disability strategy will be included on the Policy & Performance Committee agenda on 1st December.
- Mental Health (Clare Fish) – This session will be more appropriate later in the municipal year.
- Implementation of the Care Act: update (Graham Hodgkinson) – To be arranged
- Wirral Community Trust (WCT): update – The Trust has requested an opportunity to speak to members regarding the services delivered by WCT and their plans for future delivery. The new Chief Executive, Karen Howell has recently taken up her position with the Trust and will attend the session. It has been agreed that a 'Focus On.....' session will be the most appropriate forum for this. It is hoped to arrange a date shortly.

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 8th September 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 was held on 23rd September 2015. The minutes from that meeting are reported as a separate item on this agenda.
- 6.2 The next meeting of the Children Sub-Committee is scheduled for 16th December 2015. Items on the agenda will include:
- Complaints report for Children's Services
 - School standards report – attainment at GCSE and A Level: 2015
 - Post 16 qualifications and the impact on NEETs

7.0 HEALTH & CARE PERFORMANCE PANEL

- 7.1 Previous meetings of the Health & Care Performance Panel were held on the 28th September and 25th November. Report from those meetings 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 Teaching Hospital Foundation Trust took place in September 2015. To date, no report has been published by the CQC.
- 8.3 CQC has announced that a planned inspection is due to take place of the services provided at Murrayfield Hyperbaric Chamber, Wirral. This inspection is due to take place on 25th November.

9.0 WIRRAL PLAN WORKSHOPS

- 9.1 Members will be aware that three workshops were held in early November to enable members to consider the delivery of the Wirral Plan. The workshops covered each of the three themes: People, Business and Environment. The outcomes of the workshops will be consolidated into a single report and presented to a meeting of the Coordinating Committee on 10th December 2015.

10.0 PROGRESS IMPLEMENTING PREVIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS

- 10.1 No further updates are currently available.

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 required amendments.

11.2 Members are requested to nominate the membership for the Ready for School task & finish group.

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