

WIRRAL COUNCIL

FAMILIES AND WELLBEING POLICY & PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

19TH JANUARY 2016

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 complete. The report of the task & finish group forms a separate item on the agenda for this meeting.

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. Several evidence-gathering sessions have already been held. Further sessions will be planned for late January / February 2016, by which time it is hoped to conclude the evidence-gathering stage of the review.

3.3 Ready for School Scrutiny Review

It is proposed that a new review relating to children being ready for school will commence shortly. The task & finish group members will be Councillors Alan Brighthouse, Angela Davies, Paul Hayes, Treena Johnson and Moira McLaughlin. It is hoped to hold an initial meeting during February to consider the scope of the review.

3.4 Budget Scrutiny

Workshops will be held to enable members of each of the three Policy & Performance Committees to consider relevant items which form part of the 2016/17 budget proposals. A Families and Wellbeing workshop is being arranged for Monday 11th January. The outcomes from all of the workshops will form the basis of a single report which will be presented to Coordinating Committee on 16th February.

4.0 'FOCUS ON.....' SESSIONS

- 4.1 It is proposed that only one further 'Focus On' sessions will be held during the current municipal year. That session will be held in February at which Wirral Community Trust (WCT) will provide an update regarding the services delivered by the Trust 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, along with other members of the senior management team.

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 1st December 2015, no reports have been distributed to members in this way.

6.0 CHILDREN SUB-COMMITTEE

- 6.1 A meeting of the Children Sub-Committee was held on 16th December 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 30th March 2016.

7.0 HEALTH & CARE PERFORMANCE PANEL

- 7.1 A meeting of the Health & Care Performance Panel was held on 12th January 2016. 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 Health & Care Performance Panel is scheduled for 16th March 2016.

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 took place in June 2015. The report from that inspection has recently been published by the CQC and has been distributed to members. The overall rating for the Trust was 'Good'. The report will be discussed by the Health & Care Performance Panel in March.

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 Weekly bulletins are now received from the CQC providing updates relating to the outcomes of inspections of social care providers and GP practices. The inspection results for Wirral-based providers are being forwarded to Committee members on a regular basis.

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 were consolidated into a single report and presented to a meeting of the Coordinating Committee on 10th December 2015. Feedback from the workshops has been provided to the authors of the appropriate strategy documents as they are developed and finalised.

10.0 PROGRESS IMPLEMENTING PREVIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS

10.1 The outcomes from the recommendations arising from the Looked After Children scrutiny review are due to be reported to this committee in March 2016. A similar report for the Care Homes scrutiny review is due to be reported to a meeting of the Health & Care Performance Panel in March 2016.

11.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

11.1 Members are requested to approve the updated Families and Wellbeing Policy & Performance Committee work programme for 2015/16 as shown in the appendix, making any required amendments.

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