

**People Overview and Scrutiny Committee  
Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> February 2017**

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| <b>REPORT TITLE:</b> | <b>People Overview &amp; Scrutiny Committee -<br/>work programme update</b> |
| <b>REPORT OF:</b>    | <b>The Chair of the Committee –<br/>Councillor Moira McLaughlin</b>         |

**REPORT SUMMARY**

This report explains the process of developing and managing the scrutiny work programme for the municipal year. The People Overview & Scrutiny Committee, in cooperation with the other two Overview & Scrutiny Committees, is responsible for proposing and delivering an annual work programme. This work programme should align with the corporate priorities of the Council, in particular the delivery of the Wirral Plan pledges which are within the remit of the Committee.

The report provides an update regarding progress made since the last Committee meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> November. The current work programme is made up of a combination of scrutiny reviews, standing items and requested officer reports. This update report 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 an appendix to this report.

**RECOMMENDATION/S**

Members are requested to:

1. Approve the proposed People Overview & Scrutiny Committee work programme for 2016/17, making any required amendments, including suggestions for additional items.
2. Approve the membership of a task & finish group to undertake the forthcoming Continuing Healthcare scrutiny review.

## SUPPORTING INFORMATION

### 1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

To ensure members of the People Overview & Scrutiny Committee have the opportunity to contribute to the delivery of the annual work programme.

### 2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

Not Applicable

### 3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

#### 3.1 THE SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME AND PRIORITISATION

The work programme should align with the priorities of the Council and its partners. The programme will be informed by:

- The Wirral Plan pledges
- The Council's transformation programme
- The Council's Forward Plan
- Service performance information
- Risk management information
- Public or service user feedback
- Referrals from Cabinet / Council

Good practice suggests that, in order to maximise the impact of scrutiny, it is necessary to prioritise proposed topics within the work programme. Members may find the following criteria helpful in providing a guideline towards ensuring that the most significant topics are prioritised:

| <b>Principles for Prioritisation</b> |   |
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| Wirral Plan                          | Does the topic have a direct link with one of the 2020 pledges?         |
|                                      | Will the review lead to improved outcomes for Wirral residents?         |
| Public Interest                      | Does the topic have particular importance for Wirral Residents?         |
| Transformation                       | Will the review support the transformation of the Council?              |
| Financial Significance               | Is the subject matter an area of significant spend or potential saving? |
|                                      | Will the review support the Council in achieving its savings targets?   |
| Timeliness / Effectiveness           | Is this the most appropriate time for this topic to be scrutinised?     |
|                                      | Will the review be a good use of Council resources?                     |

By assessing prospective topics using these criteria, the Committee can prioritise an effective work programme that ensures relevance and the highest potential to enhance outcomes for residents.

### **3.2 UPDATE ON CURRENT SCRUTINY ACTIVITY**

Since the Committee meeting at the end of November, activity has taken place relating to a number of scrutiny reviews:

#### Community pharmacies Scrutiny Review

Further to the referral of a Notice of Motion from Council, Committee members agreed to review the implications for Wirral of Government proposals for changes to the contractual framework and funding of community pharmacies. An Evidence Day was held on 16<sup>th</sup> November, when representatives from NHS England, Wirral CCG, Community Pharmacies Cheshire & Wirral and the Public Health team from Wirral Council attended. Councillors Moira McLaughlin, Angela Davies, Tom Anderson, Phil Gilchrist, Treena Johnson, Chris Meaden, Tony Norbury and Tom Usher formed the task & finish group for this review. The report detailing the outcomes from this review forms a separate item on this Committee agenda.

#### Budget Scrutiny 2017/18

Three workshops were held to scrutinise the 2017/18 budget proposals for each of the scrutiny committees (Business, Environment and People). The People workshop was held on 10<sup>th</sup> January and a report containing Members' feedback forms a separate item on this Committee agenda.

#### Respite Services Scrutiny Review

Members have previously agreed to undertake a review to enable members to check on service users' experiences of alternative respite provision following the decision to close Girtrell Court. A task & finish group has now been formed and a meeting to determine the scope of the review is due to be held shortly. Members of the task & finish group are Councillors Moira McLaughlin, Angela Davies, Treena Johnson, Chris Meaden, Bruce Berry, David Burgess-Joyce and Alan Brighthouse.

### **3.3 HEALTH AND CARE PERFORMANCE PANEL**

#### Panel meetings

The most recent meeting of the Health & Care Performance Panel was held on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2016. The outcomes from that meeting are reported as a separate item on this agenda.

The next meeting of the Panel is scheduled for 1<sup>st</sup> February when the agenda is expected to include items on:

- Quality and availability of domiciliary care - update
- Commissioning and quality of Intermediate care
- Suicide rates

#### Continuing Healthcare funding

NHS continuing healthcare (CHC) is the name given to a package of care that is arranged and funded solely by the NHS for individuals who are not in hospital and have been assessed as having a "primary health need". A report was presented to the Health & Care Performance Panel on 7<sup>th</sup> December to consider the accessibility and operation of the scheme in Wirral. Members agreed that a task & finish group should be formed to investigate CHC in more detail. Nominations for membership of this task & finish group are being sought before a meeting is held to agree the scope of the review.

#### Care Quality Commission (CQC)

An announced inspection of Clatterbridge Cancer Centre was held in June 2016. However, the resulting CQC report has not yet been made publicly available.

### **3.4 CHILDREN SUB-COMMITTEE**

#### Sub-Committee meetings

The most recent meeting of the Children Sub Committee was held on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2016. The minutes from that meeting are reported as a separate item on this agenda.

The next meeting of the Children Sub Committee is scheduled for 8<sup>th</sup> February 2017, with further meetings now arranged for 8<sup>th</sup> March and 5<sup>th</sup> April 2017.

### **4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Not Applicable

### **5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

Not Applicable

### **6.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: ICT, STAFFING AND ASSETS**

The delivery of the scrutiny work programme will be met from within existing resources.

### **7.0 RELEVANT RISKS**

Not Applicable

### **8.0 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION**

Not Applicable

### **9.0 EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS**

This report is for information to Members and there are no direct equality implications.

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**APPENDICES:** People Overview & Scrutiny Committee – Work programme

**REFERENCE MATERIAL**

**SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)**

| Council Meeting | Date |
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