

**Adult Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee  
Tuesday, 30 January 2018**

<b>REPORT TITLE:</b>	<b>Adult Care and Health Overview &amp; Scrutiny Committee - Work Programme update report</b>
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	<b>Report of the Chair – Cllr Julie McManus</b>

**REPORT SUMMARY**

The Adult Care and Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee, in cooperation with the other three Overview & Scrutiny Committees, is responsible for proposing and delivering an annual scrutiny 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, workshops, 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 Adult Care and Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee work programme for 2017/18, making any required amendments.

## **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

### **1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S**

To ensure members of the Adult Care and Health 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 UPDATE ON CURRENT SCRUTINY ACTIVITY**

Since the Committee meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2017, activity has taken place relating to the following:

##### Respite Services Scrutiny Review

This task & finish review was initiated in order to assess users' experiences of alternative respite provision following the decision to close Girtrell Court. There has been some delay in the review in order to give service users and families / carers an opportunity to make use of the new service provision at Tollemache Road before being approached for feedback. Members of the task & finish group visited Tollemache Road on 23<sup>rd</sup> November. A questionnaire is also being developed which will be used to assess the satisfaction of service users and families / carers towards the new service provision and the process of transition to that service. Subsequently, focus groups with a number of families / carers and service users will be held.

##### Continuing Healthcare funding (CHC) scrutiny review

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". Members of the former People Overview & Scrutiny Committee previously approved the establishment of a task & finish group to consider the accessibility and operation of the scheme for residents in Wirral. Following a recent assessment by members of progress to date, meetings will be arranged with clients / families who have recent experience of the system. A further meeting with Wirral CCG managers has been requested before the review is brought to a close. It is anticipated that the report from the task & finish group will be finalised by the end of the current municipal year.

##### Budget scrutiny 2018 / 19

In line with previous municipal years, workshops were held for members of each of the scrutiny committees to review proposals as the 2018 / 19 budget is being developed. The workshop relating to the remit of the Adult Care and Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee was scheduled to take place on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January. A report regarding the outcomes of the workshop is included as a separate item on this Committee agenda.

## 3.2 FORTHCOMING ACTIVITIES

### Additional Committee meeting

It is proposed to hold an additional committee meeting on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February (6.00pm) at which members will receive a progress report regarding the local delivery of the Five Year Forward View.

### Spotlight session - Specialist Transport

During scrutiny of the 2017 / 18 budget proposals, former members of the People Overview & Scrutiny Committee requested further updates regarding future proposals to re-model the Specialist Transport service. As any proposals will impact on service delivery for both children and adults, it is suggested that a joint workshop will be held with members of both the Children and Families OSC and the Adult Care & Health OSC invited to attend. It is currently envisaged that the session will be held in February 2018.

### Universal Credit

At a meeting of the Chairs of the four Overview & Scrutiny Committees, it was agreed to undertake further scrutiny of Universal Credit in February 2018 when the implications of implementing Universal Credit may be better known and the relevant data could be made available to Members. Although not formally part of this Committee's work programme, it is anticipated that members of all four scrutiny committees will be invited to participate. The following approach was agreed in principle:

- A workshop style approach to be adopted with dates for a series of workshops to be scheduled for February 2018.
- Workshops to cover the wide ranging themes extending across all four O&S committees, such as IT, housing and homelessness.
- The workshops would be open to all Members who sit on any of the four O&S Committees to ensure inclusivity and to reflect the wider-ranging views and experiences of these Members.
- The Business O&S Committee would 'own' this piece of work to ensure that there is no overlap or duplication. Consideration can be given for these workshops to be chaired by different O&S Chairs relevant to the themes of the workshop.
- A report to be completed and reported to the Business O&S Committee in March 2018 to ensure that the work remains current.

As part of scrutiny work planning sessions for the next municipal year, each committee will be better informed as to where the issues lie in respect to their remit and can then focus further scrutiny activity as appropriate.

This approach ensures inclusivity for all O&S Members as it has an impact for all wards in Wirral. It is also a theme that cuts across the remit of all four O&S Committees due to the wide-ranging impact affecting a number of service delivery areas. It also mitigates the risk of duplication and overlap in scrutiny work if each O&S committee unilaterally agrees to carry out scrutiny of Universal Credit at this time. Further information will be provided to Members when the arrangements have been finalised.

**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:**

**Appendix 1:** Adult Care and Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee – Work programme

**REFERENCE MATERIAL - SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)**

Council Meeting	Date