

**Adult Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Tuesday 27th November 2018**

REPORT TITLE:	Adult Care and Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee - Work programme update report
REPORT OF:	Chair of the Adult Care and Health Committee

REPORT SUMMARY

The Adult Care and Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee, in cooperation with the three other Overview & Scrutiny Committees, are 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.

This report supports Members in developing and managing the scrutiny work programme for the municipal year 2018/19.

The report provides an update regarding progress made since the last Committee meeting held on 12th September 2018. 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, review and evaluate its work across the municipal year.

The work programme for the Adult Care and Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee for the municipal year 2018/19 is attached as Appendix 1 to this report.

RECOMMENDATION/S

Members are requested to:

1. Approve the proposed Adult Care and Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee work programme for 2018/19, making any required amendments.

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 SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME ITEMS

Since the last meeting of the Adult Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, the following work has taken place:

Urgent Care Consultation

A special meeting of the Adult Care and Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee was held on 12th November 2018 to scrutinise the public consultation process and proposed options put forward as part of Wirral CCG's Urgent Care Review.

Scrutiny of Risk

In the previous municipal year, a number of Members highlighted the need for scrutiny to consider risk as part of the scrutiny work programme. A workshop was held in October 2018 to develop Members understanding of risk, and how it might play a greater role within overview and scrutiny committees. Following a successful session, a briefing was circulated to Members with a view that risk will be incorporated into annual work programming and review scoping documentation going forward. This ensures that risk is considered as part of each piece of scrutiny work.

3.2 Forthcoming Activities

Budget Scrutiny

In line with previous municipal years, it is anticipated that workshops will be held for Members of each of the overview and scrutiny committees, in order for them to review budget proposals within their remit for the 2019/20 municipal year. It is expected that the Adult Care and Health Overview & Scrutiny budget workshop will be held on Thursday 6th December 2018, with a full report presented to Committee in January 2019.

Reality Check Visits

At the last meeting of the Adult Care and Health OSC on 12th September 2018, it was suggested that Members may find value in visiting both Arrows Park Hospital and the Seacombe Birthing Centre in order to view the facilities, and to observe the experiences of both patients and staff. These visits will be co-ordinated by Healthwatch Wirral, and are expected to take place later in the municipal year.

3.4 FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THE SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME

In line with the remit of the Committee and the principles for prioritisation, as described above, Members are requested to suggest possible topics for inclusion in the work programme. Committee Members should also consider how best to further develop the work programme in advance of the next scheduled Committee meeting in January. This will be achieved by Committee providing delegated authority to the Chair and Spokespersons to provide further detailed input to the work programme's development.

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
Adult Care and Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee	27th June 2018
Adult Care and Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee	12th September 2018