

**Adult Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Wednesday 26th June 2019**

REPORT TITLE:	ADULT CARE AND HEALTH OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - WORK PROGRAMME UPDATE REPORT
REPORT OF:	HEAD OF INTELLIGENCE (SCRUTINY TEAM MANAGER) BUSINESS SERVICES

REPORT SUMMARY

The Adult Care and Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee, in co-operation 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.

It is envisaged that the work programme will be formed from a combination of scrutiny reviews, standing items and requested officer reports. This report provides the Committee with an opportunity to plan and regularly review its work across the municipal year. Some initial ideas for a work programme are attached as an appendix to this report, based on issues which were of interest to members of the Adult Care and Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee in the municipal year 2018/19.

RECOMMENDATION/S

Members are requested to:

1. Approve the proposed Adult Care and Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee work programme for 2019/20, making any required amendments.
2. Support a proposal for a dedicated work programme planning session to be convened for the Chair, Vice-Chair and Party Spokespersons to give further detailed consideration to the Committee's work programme prior to the next scheduled Committee meeting in September.

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 THE SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME AND THE WIRRAL PLAN

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

The specific Wirral Plan pledges and associated strategies of particular relevance to the Adult Care and Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee are:

Pledge	Strategies
Older People Live Well	Ageing Well in Wirral https://www.wirral.gov.uk/sites/default/files/all/About%20the%20council/Wirral%20Plan/Ageing%20Well%20Strategy.pdf
People with Disabilities Live Independently	All age disability strategy: People with disabilities live independently https://www.wirral.gov.uk/sites/default/files/all/About%20the%20council/Wirral%20Plan/All%20Age%20Disability%20Strategy.pdf
Zero Tolerance to Domestic Violence	Zero tolerance to domestic abuse https://www.wirral.gov.uk/sites/default/files/all/About%20the%20council/Wirral%20Plan/Domestic%20Abuse%20%20Strategy.pdf

In addition, members of the Adult Care and Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee will also want to consider how best to undertake their health scrutiny role.

3.2 PRINCIPLES FOR PRIORITISATION

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:

Principles for Prioritisation	
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.

3.3 DELIVERING THE WORK PROGRAMME

It is anticipated that the work programme will be delivered through a combination of:

- Scrutiny reviews undertaken by task & finish groups
- Evidence days and workshops
- Committee reports provided by officers
- Standing committee agenda items, for example, performance monitoring and financial monitoring
- Spotlight sessions
- Standing panels or working groups (where deemed necessary)

As some of the selected topics may well cut across the Wirral Plan themes, it is anticipated that some of the scrutiny topics may be of interest to members of more than one committee. In these circumstances, opportunities for members of more than one committee to work jointly on an item of scrutiny work will be explored.

Regular work programme update reports will provide the Committee with an opportunity to plan and regularly review its work across the municipal year.

3.4 SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME ITEMS

3.5 Update on Completed Scrutiny Work Programme Items

The following work programme items have recently been concluded. Members may wish to note the following in particular:

Quality Accounts

Providers of NHS healthcare services in England are required to publish an annual Quality Account, which provides information on performance across the year and identifies priorities for future improvement. The Adult Care and Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee established a task & finish group in May 2019 in order to review the draft Quality Accounts and were given the chance to formally respond to the reports of the following NHS Trusts:

- Wirral Community NHS Foundation Trust;
- Cheshire & Wirral Partnership NHS Foundation Trust;
- Clatterbridge Cancer Centre NHS Foundation Trust;
- Wirral University Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust;

It is expected that the Committee's formal responses will be included in the final versions of each Trust's Quality Account for 2018/19.

Health and Care Performance Panel

In 2018/19, the Health and Care Performance Panel was established in order to examine, evaluate and monitor health and social care performance issues and themes across the Borough. Over the course of the year, Members of the Panel looked in detail at a number of issues including; Wirral NHS Trust improvement plans, compliance and quality within the care sector, infection control and domiciliary care.

3.6 Forthcoming Activities

NHS Long Term Plan Workshop

It is proposed that Wirral Health and Care Commissioning lead a workshop session for Members to provide a detailed overview of the Healthy Wirral response to the recently published NHS Long Term Plan. The session will focus on the development of the Healthy Wirral 5 year system plan, and provide an opportunity for Members to engage with commissioners. It is suggested that this workshop take place later in the municipal year.

Reality Check Visits

Following a successful Member visit to the Pensby Wood Day Centre in the last municipal year, it was suggested that Members of the Adult Care and Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee may find value in visiting other local services, such as Seacombe Birthing Centre and Arrowe Park Hospital. It is proposed that these visits are co-ordinated by Healthwatch, with training for interested Members planned for later in the municipal year.

3.7 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 September. This could be achieved by Committee providing delegated authority to the Chair and Party 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

BACKGROUND PAPERS

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date