

**Adult Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

<b>REPORT TITLE:</b>	<b>ADULT CARE AND HEALTH OVERVIEW &amp; SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - WORK PROGRAMME UPDATE REPORT</b>
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	<b>HEAD OF INTELLIGENCE (SCRUTINY TEAM MANAGER) BUSINESS SERVICE</b>

**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. The work programme for the Adult Care and Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee is attached as Appendix 1 to this report.

**RECOMMENDATION/S**

Members are requested to approve the proposed Adult Care and Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee work programme for 2019/20, 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 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 <a href="https://www.wirral.gov.uk/sites/default/files/all/About%20the%20council/Wirral%20Plan/Ageing%20Well%20Strategy.pdf">https://www.wirral.gov.uk/sites/default/files/all/About%20the%20council/Wirral%20Plan/Ageing%20Well%20Strategy.pdf</a>
People with Disabilities Live Independently	All age disability strategy: People with disabilities live independently <a href="https://www.wirral.gov.uk/sites/default/files/all/About%20the%20council/Wirral%20Plan/All%20Age%20Disability%20Strategy.pdf">https://www.wirral.gov.uk/sites/default/files/all/About%20the%20council/Wirral%20Plan/All%20Age%20Disability%20Strategy.pdf</a>
Zero Tolerance to Domestic Violence	Zero tolerance to domestic abuse <a href="https://www.wirral.gov.uk/sites/default/files/all/About%20the%20council/Wirral%20Plan/Domestic%20Abuse%20Strategy.pdf">https://www.wirral.gov.uk/sites/default/files/all/About%20the%20council/Wirral%20Plan/Domestic%20Abuse%20Strategy.pdf</a>

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:

<b>Principles for Prioritisation</b>	
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**

#### **3.4.1 Performance Reporting Review**

The Committee held a scrutiny workshop on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019 in order for Members to review the performance reporting measures for health and care. This was an opportunity for the Committee to discuss their proposals for changes to performance

reports with lead officers, with updated reports presented to future committee meetings.

#### 3.4.2 Pooled Fund Arrangements

On 30<sup>th</sup> October 2019, the Committee invited all Overview & Scrutiny Members to take part in a scrutiny workshop to review the pooled fund arrangements for 2020/21. The purpose of the session was to illustrate integration arrangements for the next year, enable scrutiny of the proposed pooled fund and ensure that Member questions and concerns were comprehensively responded to. In addition, the workshop provided an opportunity for Members to hear from a number of witnesses who experience integrated services first-hand. A detailed scrutiny report, and any recommendations arising from the workshop, will be presented to Committee in January 2020.

#### 3.4.3 2020/21 Budget Scrutiny

In line with previous municipal years, Members will be invited to review budget proposals and savings plans for 2020/21 within the remit of the Committee. The budget scrutiny process is currently under review and will be agreed by the Chairs of all Overview & Scrutiny Committees.

#### 3.4.4 5G and Public Health

Following interest from Members, and a public question at the Council meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> October 2019, a workshop for all Members on the implications of the roll out of 5G will be arranged. Further information on the content and format of this workshop will be provided in due course.

### **3.5 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 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**

4.1 Not Applicable

### **5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 Not Applicable

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

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

### **7.0 RELEVANT RISKS**

7.1 Not Applicable

## **8.0 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION**

8.1 Not Applicable

## **9.0 EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS**

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

## **10.0 ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE IMPLICATIONS**

10.1 Not Applicable

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## **APPENDICES**

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

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

### **SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)**

<b>Council Meeting</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Adult Care and Health Overview &amp; Scrutiny Committee</b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup> June 2019</b>
<b>Adult Care and Health Overview &amp; Scrutiny Committee</b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup> September 2019</b>