



ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

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REPORT TITLE:	ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME UPDATE
REPORT OF:	CHAIR OF ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

REPORT SUMMARY

The Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee, in conjunction with the other Policy and Service Committees, is responsible for proposing and delivering an annual committee work programme. This work programme should align with the corporate priorities of the Council, in particular the delivery of the key decisions which are within the remit of the Committee.

It is envisaged that the work programme will be formed from a combination of key decisions, 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 Social Care and Public Health Committee is attached as Appendix 1 to this report.

RECOMMENDATION

The Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee is recommended to note and comment on the proposed Adult Social Care and Public Committee work programme for the remainder of the 2024/25 municipal year.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1.1 To ensure Members of the Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee have the opportunity to contribute to the delivery of the annual work programme.

2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 2.1 A number of workplan formats were explored, with the current framework open to amendment to match the requirements of the Committee.

3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

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

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

Terms of Reference

- 3.2 The Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee is responsible for the Council's adult social care and preventative and community based services. This includes the commissioning and quality standards of adult social care services, incorporating responsibility for all of the services, from protection to residential care, that help people live fulfilling lives and stay as independent as possible as well as overseeing the protection of vulnerable adults. The Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee is also responsible for the promotion of the health and wellbeing of the people in the Borough. This includes, in respect of the Health and Social Care Act 2006, the functions to investigate major health issues identified by, or of concern to, the local population. The Committee is charged by full Council to undertake responsibility for:-

a) adult social care matters (e.g., people aged 18 or over with eligible social care needs and their carers);

b) promoting choice and independence in the provision of all adult social care

c) all Public Health functions (in co-ordination with those functions reserved to the Health and Wellbeing Board and the Overview and Scrutiny Committee's statutory health functions);

d) providing a view of performance, budget monitoring and risk management in relation to the Committee's functions; and

e) undertaking the development and implementation of policy in relation to the Committee's functions, incorporating the assessment of outcomes, review of effectiveness and formulation of recommendations to the Council, partners and other bodies, which shall include any decision relating to:

- (i) furthering public health objectives through the development of partnerships with other public bodies, community, voluntary and charitable groups and through the improvement and integration of health and social care services;
- (ii) functions under or in connection with partnership arrangements made between the Council and health bodies pursuant to Section 75 of the National Health Service Act 2006 ("the section 75 Agreements")
- (iii) adult social care support for carers;
- (iv) protection for vulnerable adults;
- (v) supporting people;
- (vi) drug and alcohol commissioning;
- (vii) mental health services; and
- (viii) preventative and response services, including those concerning domestic violence.

f) a shared responsibility with the Children, Young People and Education Committee for ensuring the well-being and support of vulnerable young people and those at risk of harm as they make the transition into adulthood

g) in respect of the Health and Social Care Act 2006, the functions to:

- (i) investigate major health issues identified by, or of concern to, the local population.
- (ii) consult, be consulted on and respond to substantial changes to local health service provision, including assessing the impact on the local community and health service users.
- (iii) scrutinise the impact of interventions on the health of local inhabitants, particularly socially excluded and other minority groups, with the aim of reducing health inequalities.
- (iv) maintain an overview of health service delivery against national and local targets, particularly those that improve the public's health.
- (v) receive and consider referrals from local Healthwatch on health matters which are to include the establishment and functioning of joint arrangements as set out at paragraph 14 of this Section.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 This report is for information and planning purposes only, therefore there are no direct financial implication arising. However, there may be financial implications arising as a result of work programme items.

4.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no direct legal implications arising from this report. However, there may be legal implications arising as a result of work programme items.

5.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: STAFFING, ICT AND ASSETS

6.1 There are no direct implications to Staffing, ICT or Assets.

6.0 RELEVANT RISKS

7.1 The Committee's ability to undertake its responsibility to provide strategic direction to the operation of the Council, make decisions on policies, co-ordinate spend, and maintain a strategic overview of outcomes, performance, risk management and budgets may be compromised if it does not have the opportunity to plan and regularly review its work across the municipal year.

7.0 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION

8.1 Not applicable.

8.0 EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

9.1 Wirral Council has a legal requirement to make sure its policies, and the way it carries out its work, do not discriminate against anyone. An Equality Impact Assessment is a tool to help council services identify steps they can take to ensure equality for anyone who might be affected by a particular policy, decision or activity.

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

10.0 ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE IMPLICATIONS

10.1 This report is for information to Members and there are no direct environment and climate implications.

11.0 COMMUNITY WEALTH IMPLICATIONS

11.1 This report is for information to Members and there are no direct community wealth implications.

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1 - Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee Work Plan

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Wirral Council Constitution

Forward Plan

The Council's transformation programme

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date
Standing Item	