

HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

In support of Objective 3 of the Corporate Plan, which is:

to improve health and well-being for all, ensuring that people who require support are full participants in mainstream society, and in particular to:

- ***promote greater independence and choice,***

the Overview and Scrutiny Committee will

(i) review and/or scrutinise decisions made or actions taken in connection with the discharge of the Council's functions;

(ii) make reports and/or recommendations to the Council and/or the Cabinet and/or any joint or area committee in connection with any policy or the discharge of any functions;

(iii) consider any matter affecting the area or its inhabitants; and

(iv) exercise the right to call in, for reconsideration, decisions made but not yet implemented by the Executive; and

(v) specifically, examine the healthcare provision within the area in relation to all residents of the Borough; participate in all initiatives for improving health and the healthcare provision within the area and call officers from the NHS community to account and request them to appear before the Committee when appropriate;

within the following terms of reference of the Cabinet portfolio(s) indicated:

Social Care and Inclusion

(1) The planning, commissioning and delivery of social care services for all adult client groups and to provide leadership to the wider vision of social care.

(2) Developing preventative services that will reduce the need for social care intervention.

(3) Work with a range of partners, including health and the voluntary and independent sector, to provide services which are well planned and integrated, make the most effective use of available resources and met the needs of our diverse community.

(4) Social inclusion and to promote the role of the local authority, working with the NHS community on Wirral, to improve Public Health and well-being and to address health inequalities.

(5) Ensure that services are of a high quality and delivered by a well-trained workforce or by informal and family carers who are themselves supported.

(6) Promoting better use of technology to support people.

(7) Ensure that services have an emphasis on preventing problems and that social care and health work on a shared agenda to help maintain the independence of individuals.

(8) Ensure that people with the highest needs receive the support and protection needed to ensure their own well-being and the safety of society.

(9) Ensure that the risks of independence for individuals are openly shared with them and balanced against benefits.

(10) Matters relating to section 47 of the National Assistance Act 1948 (as amended).

All portfolios

(11) Those parts of the Corporate Plan within the remit of this Committee,

(12) To seek to achieve continuing and improving performance, better value for money and customer satisfaction in respect of those services provided through these areas.

(13) To support the Council's equal opportunity policies by promoting and monitoring initiatives to encourage equality of opportunity amongst disadvantaged groups including: the disabled, ethnic minorities, the long-term unemployed, the poor, and women;

(14) To scrutinise Local Area Agreements that fall within the areas set out above and to hold partners to account.

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES - TERMS OF REFERENCE

The specific terms of reference for each overview and scrutiny committee are set out above. Their general functions are as follows:

(a) Policy development and review - Overview and Scrutiny committees may:

- (i) assist the Council and the Cabinet in the development of the budget and policy framework by in-depth analysis of policy issues;
- (ii) conduct research, community and other consultation in the analysis of policy issues and possible options;
- (iii) consider and implement mechanisms to encourage and enhance community participation in the development of policy options;
- (iv) question members of the Cabinet and committees and chief officers about their views on issues and proposals affecting the area; and
- (v) liaise with other external organisations operating in the area (whether national, regional or local) to ensure that the interests of local people are enhanced by collaborative working.

(b) Scrutiny - Overview and Scrutiny committees may:

- (i) review and scrutinise the decisions made by and performance of the Cabinet and committees and Council officers, both in relation to individual decisions and over periods of time;
- (ii) review and scrutinise the performance of the Council in relation to its policy objectives, performance targets and/or particular service areas;
- (iii) question members of the Cabinet and committees, and chief officers, about their decisions and performance, whether generally or in comparison with service plans and targets over a period of time, or in relation to particular decisions, initiatives or projects;
- (iv) make recommendations to the Cabinet or appropriate committees of the Council arising from the outcome of the scrutiny process;
- (v) review and scrutinise the performance of other public bodies in the area and invite reports from them by requesting them to address the overview and scrutiny committee and local people about their activities and performance; and,
- (vi) question and gather evidence from any person (with their consent).

(c) Best Value - Overview and Scrutiny Committees will:

- (i) recommend the terms of reference for best value reviews to the Cabinet;
- (ii) receive progress reports on best value reviews;

- (iii) recommend the final report and improvement plans to Cabinet.
- (d) **Finance** - Overview and Scrutiny Committees may exercise overall responsibility for any finance made available to them.
- (e) **Annual Report** - Overview and Scrutiny Committees may report annually to the Council on their workings and make recommendations for future work programmes and amend working methods if appropriate.
- (f) **Officers** - Overview and Scrutiny Committees may exercise overall responsibility for the work programme of any officers employed to support their work.

SCRUTINY PROGRAMME BOARD

The Scrutiny Programme Board will:

- (i) approve and co-ordinate the work programme for the five themed overview and scrutiny committees including resolving any conflict between such committees;
- (ii) allocate work to (or remove work from) any of the five overview and scrutiny committees
- (iii) review or scrutinise decisions made or other actions taken in relation to any executive functions, particularly (but not exclusively) in relation to cross-cutting issues or matters not within the terms of reference of any of the five themed overview and scrutiny committees.
- (iv) consider any call-in notices in relation to any executive functions and determine such notices or allocate them to one or more of the five themed overview and scrutiny committees as it considers most appropriate.
- (v) be responsible for the development and monitoring of an annual scrutiny work programme;
- (vi) undertake scrutiny in its own right with regard to cross-cutting or strategic issues not covered by other overview and scrutiny committees;
- (vii) identify and share good scrutiny practice across all overview and scrutiny committees.