



**Adult Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Monday 16th September 2019**

REPORT TITLE:	ADULT CARE AND HEALTH OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - WORK PROGRAMME UPDATE REPORT
REPORT OF:	HEAD OF INTELLIGENCE (STATUTORY SCRUTINY OFFICER) BUSINESS SERVICE

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 Adult Care and Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee are requested to approve the proposed Adult Care and Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee work programme for 2019/20, making any amendments required.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

1.1 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

3.1.1 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

3.1.2 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

3.1.3 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

3.2.1 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**

3.3.1 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)

3.3.2 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.

3.3.3 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**

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

3.5.2 Work Planning Session

A work planning workshop was held in July 2019 for the Chair and Party Spokespersons of the Committee to discuss the work programme for this municipal year, prioritising key subject areas and ensuring that the plan is comprehensive yet flexible. The agreed work programme can be found as an appendix to this report.

3.5.3 Joint Health Scrutiny

Two meetings of the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee between Wirral and Cheshire West & Chester have taken place since the last ordinary meeting of the Adult Care and Health O&S Committee, with Members meeting on the 1st July 2019 and 30th July 2019 to discuss Urgent Care consultation outcomes and proposals respectively.

3.6 **Forthcoming Activities**

3.6.1 Performance Review Workshop

Following a request by the Chair and Party Spokespersons of the Committee that performance reporting measures for health and care are reviewed, a workshop for Members of the Adult Care and Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee will be arranged for soon after the September Committee meeting. This will be an opportunity for Members of the Committee to discuss their requirements and proposals for future reporting with lead officers.

3.6.2 Urgent Care Transformation

Following the implementation of the Urgent Care Transformation proposals, it is suggested that a follow-up report focusing primarily on the impact of changes in Moreton and Rock Ferry is brought before the Committee early in 2020.

3.6.3 NHS Long Term Plan

A workshop is proposed for December 2019 for Wirral Health and Care Commissioning to provide information to Members on the 'Healthy Wirral' response to the NHS Long Term Plan and to allow Members to engage with the development of the system sustainability plan. Further details will be provided once a confirmed workshop date has been set.

3.7 **FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THE SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME**

3.7.1 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 November. 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.

3 **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Not Applicable

4 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Not Applicable

5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: ICT, STAFFING AND ASSETS

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

6 RELEVANT RISKS

Not Applicable

7 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION

Not Applicable

8 EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

8.1 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
Adult Care and Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee	26th June 2019