

# **HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

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## **WORK PROGRAMME**

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### **Summary**

This report advises Members of the current work programme for discussion in the light of latest priorities, issues and circumstances. This report gives Members the opportunity to shape and direct the Committee's activities.

### **1. Budget and Policy Framework**

- 1.1 Under Chapter 4 – Rules, paragraph 22.1 (v) General terms of reference, each overview and scrutiny committee has the responsibility for setting its own work programme.

### **2. Background**

- 2.1 Appendix 1 to this report sets out the existing work programme for the Committee.

### **3. Agenda planning meeting**

- 3.1 Members will be aware that Overview and Scrutiny Committees hold agenda planning meetings on a regular basis. These give officers guidance on information Members wish them to provide when scrutinising an issue.
- 3.2. The last agenda-planning meeting took place on 29 July 2014. At that meeting it was agreed that two items from the forward plan should be considered at 30 September 2014 meeting, these were suggested by the Vice-Chairman, Councillor Purdy as follows:
- Gateway 3 contract award residential and nursing care for working age adults (this report has since moved to 16 December meeting of Cabinet and this Committee)
  - Gateway 4 report outsourcing of Linked Service Centres Nelson Court and Robert Bean Lodge

#### **4. Forward plan**

- 4.1. The forward plan of forthcoming Cabinet decisions is published on the web as follows:

<http://democracy.medway.gov.uk/mgListPlanItems.aspx?PlanId=203&RP=115>

- 4.2. The following items listed on the forward plan relate to the terms of reference of this Committee. The Committee is asked to identify any items it may wish to consider as pre-decision scrutiny (where dates permit) in addition to those listed in Appendix 1.

<b>Item</b>	<b>Date</b>
Council Plan Quarter 1 performance report (already programmed for this Committee)	2 September 2014
Gateway 3 contract award Napier and Enhanced Care Unit	2 September 2014
Gateway 4 report – Integrated Social Care Systems	2 September 2014
Gateway 3 contract award Supported Living Services	30 September 2014
Gateway 4 report outsourcing of Linked Service Centres Nelson Court and Robert Bean Lodge (scheduled to come to this Committee on 30 September 2014)	30 September 2014
Gateway 1 Procurement commencement – Integrated Community Equipment	28 October 2014
Council Plan Quarter 2 (already scheduled for this committee)	25 November 2014
Gateway 3 contract award residential and nursing care for working age adults (scheduled to come to this Committee on 16 December 2014)	16 December 2014

#### **5. Department of Health Guidance on Local Authority Health Scrutiny**

- 5.1. Under the Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013 the Council may review and scrutinise any matter relating to the planning, provision and operation of the health service in Medway. In carrying out health scrutiny a local authority must invite interested parties to comment and take account of any relevant information available to it, and in particular, relevant information provided to it by a local Healthwatch organisation. The Council has delegated responsibility for discharging this function to this Committee and to the Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee as set out in the Council's Constitution.

- 5.2. In June 2014 The Department of Health published long awaited guidance to support local authorities and their partners to deliver effective health scrutiny and this has been circulated to all members of the HASC and CYP Overview and Scrutiny Committees. The DoH publication provides an up -to-date explanation and guide to implementation of the regulations under the National Health Service Act 2006 governing the local authority scrutiny function.
- 5.3. In response to the publication of the DoH guidance immediate action has been taken to alert relevant Council officers to their obligations to consult with Overview and Scrutiny. The Chief Operating Officer (and her team) at NHS Medway Clinical Commissioning Group have also been briefed via a presentation delivered by Democratic Services. The template report and associated questionnaire for responsible bodies to complete when advising Medway's Health Overview and Scrutiny Committees of any proposals under consideration for developments or variations to the health service has been revised and updated to reflect the new guidance.
- 5.4. Further work will be required on a range of issues raised in the guidance some of which can be built into the format for the training session members have requested on health scrutiny. Particular areas requiring further consideration include:
- i) whether arrangements can be put in place with relevant NHS bodies and health service providers for a forward plan of potential substantial developments/variations
  - ii) arrangements to ensure that all those caught by the duty to consult Overview and Scrutiny are aware of their obligations
  - iii) establishment of mechanisms for meeting the statutory requirement to invite interested parties to submit comments to the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee on health matters under review/scrutiny
  - iv) consideration of ways of independently verifying information provided by relevant NHS bodies and relevant health service providers as appropriate and the role Healthwatch may play in this
  - v) establishment of arrangements for dealing with any referrals to the Committee by Healthwatch under the health scrutiny regulations

## **6. De-commissioning of health trainer service**

- 6.1. Notice has just been received that there will be an item for the next meeting of this Committee from Public Health in relation to the proposal to de-commission the health trainer service.

## **7. Financial and legal implications**

- 7.1. There are no financial or legal implications arising directly from this report.

## **8. Recommendations**

- 8.1. Members are asked to consider whether to amend the existing work programme (attached as Appendix 1 to this report);
- 8.2. Members are asked to note that the following items have been requested for 30 September 2014 meeting of this Committee:
- Report on supported living
  - Gateway 4 report outsourcing of Linked Service Centres Nelson Court and Robert Bean Lodge
  - De-commissioning of health trainer service
- 8.3. Members are asked to note that a report has been requested for 16 December 2014 meeting:
- Gateway 3 contract award residential and nursing care for working age adults

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**Background papers** - none