

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. An agenda planning meeting was held on 11 June 2015 and the following was agreed:

- The item on Philip William Farrow Trust was not needed for pre-decision scrutiny
- An all Member briefing note was requested on the charge issues in relation to the Care Act and the potential impact on ward work case loads

4. Forward Plan

- 4.1. 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.

Item	Cabinet Date
Philip William Farrow Trust	7 July 2015
Dementia commissioning intentions	7 July 2015 (programmed for this Committee 11 August 2015)
The Care Act (Charging and Assessment of Resources) Regulations 2014	7 July 2015 (will be covered by a briefing note post consultation)

5. Selection of next round of scrutiny Task group topics

- 5.1 On 25 June 2015 the Business Support Overview and Scrutiny Committee will consider a report on the process for selection of topics for the next round of in-depth reviews to be undertaken by Overview and Scrutiny Task Groups. A total of three in-depth reviews can be supported annually on the basis of the Task Groups running successively, each with a 20 week programme of activity.

It was unanimously agreed by the Business Support Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 3 February 2015 to recommend that the first Task Group in the 2015/16 municipal year should undertake an in-depth review into Housing: Demand, Affordability and Supply. This topic was selected for the last round of in depth reviews and was delayed because it could not have concluded its work before the local elections in May 2015. If the Business Support Overview and Scrutiny Committee agrees to this it is envisaged that the Task Group would start in late August/early September after the Member Induction Programme has concluded. This would be a cross-cutting review reporting back to the Business Support and Regeneration, Community and Culture Overview and Scrutiny Committees.

- 5.2 During July and August, in line with established practice, it is proposed that each Committee should be invited to put forward suggestions for further Task Group topics using the criteria based approach adopted by the Council as set out in Appendix 2 to this report. Following this an informal discussion between all Overview and Scrutiny Committee Chairmen, Vice Chairmen and Opposition Spokespersons will take place in October and then the Business Support Overview and Scrutiny Committee will consider the long list of topics at its meeting on 3 December and agree a programme of reviews for the period January to August 2016.

- 5.3 A report will be prepared for the next meeting of this Committee suggesting possible Task Group topics. Members are invited to submit ideas and suggestions to the Democratic Services Officer ahead of the agenda planning meeting for the next meeting of this Committee. These can then be reflected in the report.

6 Financial and Legal Implications

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

7. Recommendations

- 7.1. Members are asked to consider whether any changes need to be made to the work programme;
- 7.2. Members are invited to submit ideas for Task Group topics within the remit of this Committee which will be discussed at the next agenda planning meeting and reported back to the Committee for discussion at its next meeting.

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Background papers:

None