

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, giving Members the opportunity to shape and direct the Committee's activities.

1. Budget and Policy Framework

1.1 Under Chapter 4 – Rules, Part 4 paragraph 21.1 (xv) 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 proposed 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 due to take place on 27 February 2018 but this was cancelled due to the poor weather conditions. Following consultation with the Chairman, Opposition Spokesperson and officers, it was agreed that presentation of the Medway Mental Health Strategy should be deferred until the June meeting of the Committee to enable the existing draft document to be developed into a full draft strategy. It was also agreed that the update report from Kent and Medway NHS and Social Care Partnership Trust (KMPT) would be deferred on the basis that it had originally been due to be considered at the June 2018 meeting but had been brought forward to the March meeting to align with discussion of the Mental Health Strategy.

3.2 Following a request from Councillor Murray, a Member's item on the Future of the RVS Older People's Centre has been included on the agenda for this meeting.

- 3.3 It was also agreed that the following items would be added to the agenda for the March meeting:
- i) **Update on delivery of the Medway Clinical Commissioning Group Operational Plan**
 - ii) **Kent and Medway Strategic Commissioner Update** – This provides an overview of the work being undertaken by the Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) across Kent and Medway to look at options for developing a strategic commissioner function that works across multiple CCGs.

3.4 It was agreed that an item to hold the Health and Wellbeing Board to account should be added to work programme.

3.5 The proposed 2018/19 Work Programme is attached as Appendix 1.

4. Scrutiny Task Group

4.1 At its meeting on 30 November 2017, the Business Support Overview and Scrutiny Committee agreed the selection of topics for the next round of in-depth scrutiny reviews. The first of these topics, the Impact of Social Isolation for the Council, falls within the remit of this Committee.

4.2 It is anticipated that the Social Isolation Task Group will commence in April with the aim being for the Task Group to present its report and recommendations to this Committee and onwards to Cabinet in the autumn. The exact timings will be dependent on the number and nature of evidence gathering sessions.

4.3 The Membership of the Task Group will comprise five councillor Members drawn from the membership of this Committee with a ratio of three Members from the Conservative Group and two Members from the Labour Group.

4.4 It is requested that nominations are put forward for membership of the Task Group.

4.5 Once membership of the Task Group has been agreed, an initial meeting will be arranged. The purpose of this meeting will be to agree the scope and key lines of enquiry of the review and also to start identifying the witnesses to be invited to take part in the Task Group and the format of evidence gathering sessions.

5. Joint Health Scrutiny Committee with Kent County Council (JHOSC)

5.1 A meeting of the Kent and Medway Joint HOSC took place on Monday 22 January 2018 to discuss the consultation proposals and site options being put forward as part of the Kent and Medway Hyper Acute and Acute Stroke Services Review.

5.2 Public consultation on the proposals started at the beginning of February and is due to run until 13 April. Full details of the site options and consultation can be found at www.kentandmedway.nhs.uk/stroke. The site also lists the public engagement events taking place across Kent and Medway, details of which have been circulated to Members.

- 5.3 As there is a possibility that some of the options for the reconfiguration of stroke services will impact on some patients in East Sussex and the London Borough of Bexley, these authorities have judged that the proposed reconfiguration amounts to a substantial development of or variation in the provision of health services in their respective local authority areas.
- 5.4 The establishment of a four Council Joint HOSC in relation to the Stroke Review was agreed at the Medway Council meeting held on 22 February. The proposals are due to be considered at the Kent Council meeting on 15 March.
- 5.5 It is expected that a further meeting of the existing Kent and Medway Joint HOSC will take place in April or May to receive an update on the Kent and Medway Vascular Services Review. It is also anticipated that this meeting will consider a Policy Review of Assistive Reproductive Technologies in Kent and Medway. This follows the decision of both this Committee and the Kent Health Scrutiny Committee to determine that the proposals in relation to Assistive Reproductive Technologies were likely to amount to a substantial development of or variation in the provision of health services in their respective areas.

6. Regional Scrutiny Sub-Group Meetings

- 6.1 A meeting of the South East Regional Health Overview and Scrutiny (HOSC) Network took place on 9 February. The network meetings are normally attended by Chairmen and health scrutiny officers from Medway, Kent, East Sussex, West Sussex, Surrey and Brighton and Hove. The meeting was provided with an update from NHS England. Minutes of the meeting will be circulated to the Committee when available. As a number of health colleagues were unable to attend it was agreed that a further meeting should take place as soon as this could be arranged.
- 6.2 The next meeting of the Sub-Group, established by the South East Regional Health Scrutiny Network to undertake scrutiny of SECamb, is due to take place on Monday 19 March 2018.

7. Forward Plan

- 7.1 The latest Forward Plan of forthcoming Cabinet decisions was published on 12 February 2018.
- 7.2 There are no items currently listed on the forward plan that directly relate to the terms of reference of this Committee.

8. Financial and Legal Implications

- 8.1 There are no specific financial implications arising from this report.
- 8.2 The requirement to establish a Joint HOSC where a responsible person consults more than one local authority on a proposed substantial development or variation to the health service is set out in sections 23 and 30 of the Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny Regulations 2013).

9. Recommendations

9.1 The Committee is asked to:

- i) Consider whether any changes need to be made to the work programme attached at Appendix 1.
- ii) Note the changes to the Committee's work programme, as set out in paragraph 3 above.
- iii) Put forward nominations for Membership of the Social Isolation Task Group for these to be approved through the Council's committee membership appointment process.

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Appendices:

Appendix 1 - The Committee's Work Programme

Background papers:

None.