

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. Agenda planning meeting
 - 2.1 Members will be aware that Overview and Scrutiny Committees hold agenda planning meetings on a regular basis. An agenda planning meeting was held on 15 July attended by the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and the Opposition Spokesperson.
 - 2.2 The following changes to the work programme are recommended:
 - *Suicide Prevention Strategy* – to come to the August meeting for pre-decision scrutiny.
 - *Dementia Strategy* – to come to the October meeting for pre-decision scrutiny.
 - *Social Prescribing* – to come to the December meeting.
 - *Foetal alcohol spectrum disorder* – to come to the October mtg.
 - *Long covid* – to come to the December meeting.
 - *Healthy pregnancy in Medway* – to come to the January meeting.
 - *Women's health* – to be added to the work programme.
 - *Integrated Care Providers* - to be added to the work programme

- *Medway Community Healthcare* – to agree a revised timetable for reporting as set out in Appendix 1.
- 2.3 The Committee is also recommended to request a briefing note on the role of the Primary Care Networks in Medway.
- 2.4 Appendix 1 to this report sets out the Committee’s recommended work programme, taking account of the recommendations made at the agenda planning meeting.
3. Forward Plan
- 3.1 The latest Forward Plan of forthcoming Cabinet decisions was published on 26 July 2021.

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FORWARD PLAN ITEMS RELEVANT TO THE WORK OF THIS COMMITTEE:

Cabinet date	Title	Comment
26 August 2021	<p>Council Plan Performance Monitoring and Risk Register Review - Quarter 1 2021/2022</p> <p>This report will provide details of end of Quarter 1 performance for 2021/22 against priorities set out in the Council Plan and will bring forward the latest risk management review.</p> <p>This report will be considered by the four Overview and Scrutiny Committees during September and October 2021.</p>	In work programme for October meeting.
21 September 2021	<p>Kent and Medway Dementia Strategy</p> <p>This report will ask the Cabinet to approve the Kent and Medway Dementia Strategy on behalf of the Local Authority.</p>	This report will now be considered by Cabinet in December.
21 September 2021	<p>Kent and Medway Suicide Prevention Strategy - Adults</p> <p>This report will ask the Cabinet to approve the Kent and Medway Suicide Prevention Strategy for Adults on behalf of the Local Authority.</p>	On agenda for this meeting.

	The report will, initially, be considered by the Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 17 August 2021 and the Health and Wellbeing Board on 2 September 2021.	
16 November 2021	<p>2022/2023 Capital and Revenue Budgets</p> <p>This report will provide details of the initial budget proposals for 2022/23 prior to consideration by the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committees.</p> <p>The outcome of consideration by the four Overview and Scrutiny Committees will be considered by the Business Support Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 27 January 2022 and the Committee will send any comments and recommendations to Cabinet on 8 February 2022 for consideration alongside the budget proposals.</p> <p>Full Council will be asked to consider and approve the final budget proposals on 17 February 2022.</p>	In work programme for December meeting.
16 November 2021	<p>Council Plan Performance Monitoring Report and Risk Register Review 2021/22 - Quarter 2</p> <p>This report will provide details of Quarter 2 performance for 2021/22 against the priorities set out in the Council Plan and will bring forward the latest risk management review.</p> <p>This report will also be considered by the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committees.</p>	In work programme for December meeting.

4. Kent and Medway Specialist Vascular Services Review

- 4.1 The Kent and Medway Joint O&S Committee (JHOSC) is currently scrutinising this review. The JHOSC had been advised public consultation would run in April and May 2021. It is now expected to commence in October.

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- 4.2 The Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the JHOSC requested a meeting with NHS colleagues to discuss the situation with vascular services and to gain assurances that the ongoing service being offered in Kent and Medway is safe and optimal for patients.
- 4.3 This meeting took place on 3 August where NHS representatives explained that changes to NHSE/I processes (particularly regarding the internal regulation process) had led to a last-minute change which affected the consultation timetable. The NHS explained that additional scrutiny had been introduced by NHS England for Trusts in Special Measures (which both Medway and East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust and Medway NHS Foundation Trust are).
- 4.4 A meeting of the JHOSC is being arranged in October to receive an update on the review and the planned consultation.
5. Financial and legal implications
- 5.1 There are no specific financial or legal implications arising from this report.
6. Recommendation
- 6.1 The Committee is requested to agree the changes to the work programme as set in paragraph 2.2 and request a briefing note on the role of the Primary Care Networks in Medway.

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Appendices

Appendix 1 - Work Programme

Background papers

None.