

# HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

**11 OCTOBER 2022**

## 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 Committee's proposed work programme.

#### 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 21 September attended by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman where the following recommendations were made:

- add an update on the Better Care Fund to the work programme for the December meeting (*subject to yet to be released national guidance which will confirm the deadline for submission of the Plan*)
- move the item on changes to Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DOLS) to Liberty Protection Safeguards from the December meeting to the January meeting.

#### 4. Forward Plan

- 4.1 The latest [Forward Plan](#) of forthcoming Cabinet decisions was published on 16 September. 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).

Cabinet date	Title	Comment
18 October 2022	<p><b>Better Care Fund</b></p> <p>This report will ask the Cabinet to agree the Better Care Fund Narrative Plan to cover the period until March 2023. The Cabinet will also be asked to agree to extend the Plan to cover any unforeseen delays in the issue of new planning guidance for the development of a Plan for 2023-2025.</p>	
15 November 2022	<p><b>Gateway 1 Procurement Commencement - Intermediate Care and Reablement Service Contract</b></p> <p>This report will seek Cabinet approval to commence the procurement of the Intermediate Care and Reablement Service Contract.</p>	
15 November 2022	<p><b>Council Plan Performance Monitoring and Risk Register Review Quarter 2 2022/2023</b></p> <p>This report will provide details of Quarter 2 performance for 2022/23 against the priorities set out in the Council Plan and will bring forward the latest risk management review.</p>	<i>(On agenda for December meeting)</i>
15 November 2022	<p><b>Draft Capital and Revenue Budgets 2023/24</b></p> <p>This report will provide details of the initial budget proposals for 2023/24 prior to consideration by the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committees.</p>	<i>(On agenda for December meeting)</i>
13 December 2022	<p><b>Better Care Fund Plan 2023 – 2025</b></p> <p>This report will ask the Cabinet to agree the Better Care Fund Narrative Plan for</p>	

	the period 2023 to 2025. The report will first be considered by the Health and Wellbeing Board.	
13 December 2022	<p><b>Gateway 3 Contract Award: Recommissioning of Substance Misuse Services</b></p> <p>This report will seek Cabinet approval to award the contract for Substance Misuse Services, following a procurement process.</p>	
13 December 2022	<p><b>Gateway 3 Contract Award: Supported Living (Adults)</b></p> <p>This report will seek Cabinet approval to award the contract for Supported Living (Adults), following a procurement process.</p>	

## 5. GP Access Task Group

5.1 At the last meeting of the Committee Members were advised of the Committee's indicative timeline, which is:

- **June** – initial Task Group meeting to:
  - Agree scope and key lines of enquiry for the review
  - Consider the national/local context and current position/performance in Medway (e.g. Ipsos mori patient survey)
  - Consider the type, format and number of evidence sessions to be held and the witnesses to be included.
- **July - September** – roundtable discussions with key stakeholder partners, families and service users and evidence session with a best practice comparator locality.
- **October/early November** – Task Group to agree draft recommendations and report.
- **1 December 2022** – Draft report to be considered by this Committee.
- **10 January 2023** - Report to be considered by Cabinet.
- **9 February 2023** – Report to be shared with the Health and Wellbeing Board for information.

5.2 The first meeting of the Task Group took place on 24 June 2022. Work since has however been delayed on this as a consequence of a lack of availability

of NHS colleagues and our Members at times. Nevertheless, the Task Group has been able to carry out some evidence gathering activity, which has included:

- Two patient experience sessions where the Task Group have met with PPG representatives, Healthwatch Medway, wHoo Cares and the Medway Diversity Forum to hear the views and concerns of patients. These meetings were also attended by the Director of Primary Care who explained to both the Task Group Members, and the witnesses present, the ICB's General Practice Development Plan.
- A meeting with Medway Communications to explore possible ways in which the Council could support the NHS in communicating important messages to the general public about the primary care offer and access.
- A meeting at Medway Community Healthcare to learn about the new Health Hub pilot.

5.3 During the next stage, the Task Group Members will visit some GP practices and following those visits they will then reconvene with officers and the Director of Primary Care to begin to discuss possible recommendations and findings from what they have learned to date.

5.4 It is likely that the Task Group's draft report will not be ready for the Committee's December meeting and instead would go to the January meeting, prior to consideration by Cabinet in February.

## 6. Financial and legal implications

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

## 7. Recommendation

7.1 The Committee is requested to approve the proposed work programme, as set out at Appendix 1.

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## Appendices

Appendix 1- Proposed Work Programme

## Background papers

None.