

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 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 31 May attended by Councillor McDonald (Chairman), Councillor Shokar (Vice-Chairman) and Councillors Wildey and Crozer (Opposition Spokespersons). The meeting was also attended on this occasion by Councillor Murray, Deputy Leader. Councillor Murray advised that as well as the usual annual report where she is held to account by this Committee, she was also willing to be held to account on a more regular basis, where appropriate. Councillor Murray also outlined her priorities as Deputy Leader as they relate to this Committee:

- Reducing health inequalities
- Mental health services

- Women's health services
- The GP Access Task Group report (a suggestion was made that an update on this matter comes to the August meeting, following consideration by Cabinet of this report in June)
- The eating disorder service
- Tackling deficits in adult social care funding
- Looking at different ways of providing services
- Drugs partnership and addiction work

3.2 Councillor Murray also suggested that an event be organised with key health partners so that Members, particularly new councillors, can gain a better understanding of how the Council works and interacts with partners.

3.3 At the agenda planning meeting, Members recommended the following changes to the work programme:

- Substance Misuse Services (*move to August and invite new provider to attend*)
- Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DOLS) to Liberty Protection Safeguards (*move to unallocated as the Government has indicated these changes will not be implemented until after the next General Election, but briefing note to be provided on how many people in Medway are subject to these arrangements*)
- Community Health Services (*propose add to August*)
- Medway NHS Foundation Trust Quality Account 2022/23 (*propose add to June*)
- Add an update from the Kent and Medway NHS Social Care and Partnership Trust (KMPT) to the August agenda.

3.4 At its last meeting, the Committee agreed to review the last four years, including the structure and content of the work programme, an update on Task Groups and any outstanding matters and actions, to serve as a handover document to the new Committee after the elections. This is set out in Appendix 2.

4. Cabinet Forward Plan

4.1 The latest Forward Plan of forthcoming Cabinet decisions was published on 15 May. 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).

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Cabinet date	Title	Comment
13 June	<p>Gateway 3 Contract Award – Intermediate Care and Reablement Service</p> <p>This report will seek Cabinet approval to award a contract for the provision of the Intermediate Care and Reablement Service.</p>	
13 June	<p>Council Plan Performance Monitoring and Risk Register Review Quarter 4 2022/23</p> <p>This report will provide details of Quarter 4 performance for 2022/23 against the priorities set out in the Council Plan and will bring forward the latest risk management review.</p>	On agenda for June mtg
13 June	<p>GP Access Task Group Report</p> <p>This report will ask the Cabinet to reconsider the report and recommendations made by the GP Access Task Group, which was considered by the Health & Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its meetings on 12 January 2023 and 9 March 2023 and by the Cabinet at its meeting on 4 April 2023.</p>	
11 July	<p>Better Care Fund Plan 2023 – 2025</p> <p>This report will ask the Cabinet to agree the Better Care Fund Plan 2023 – 2025. The report is also due to be considered by the Health and Wellbeing Board.</p>	
11 July	<p>Gateway 1 Procurement Commencement – Home Care and Extra Care</p> <p>This report will seek Cabinet approval to commence a procurement process for Home Care and Extra Care provision.</p>	

5. Financial and legal implications

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

6. Recommendations

- 6.1 The Committee is asked to note the report and agree the work programme as set out at Appendix 1 to the report, subject to accepting the proposed changes, outlined in italic text on Appendix 1.
- 6.2 The Committee is asked to note the business considered by the Committee during 2019-2023 as outlined in Appendix 2.
- 6.3 The Committee is asked to agree that a briefing paper be provided on the number of people in Medway subject to Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DOLS) arrangements.
- 6.4 The Committee is asked to agree to hold an online event with key health partners so that Members, particularly new councillors, can gain a better understanding of how the Council works and interacts with partners.

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Appendices

Appendix 1 - Proposed Work Programme
Appendix 2 - Business considered by the Committee during 2019-2023

Background papers

None.