

Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee

20 August 2024

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. Recommendation
 - 2.1. 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.
3. Background
 - 3.1. Appendix 1 to this report sets out the Committee's proposed work programme.
4. Agenda planning meeting
 - 4.1. Members will be aware that Overview and Scrutiny Committees hold agenda planning meetings on a regular basis. An agenda planning meeting was held on 17 July attended by Councillor McDonald (Chairperson) and Councillors Crozer and Wildey (Opposition Spokespersons).

4.2. The following changes to the work programme were recommended:

- Stroke provision – it was requested that, in order to provide a fuller more detailed report, this item be deferred to the following meeting in October.
- Medway NHS Foundation Trust update – it was advised that the trust had still not received the CQC letter following its recent inspection and therefore it would not be in a position to report on the outcome at the August meeting. This was therefore deferred to the October meeting.
- Council Plan Performance Monitoring and Risk Register Review Q1 and Q2 2024/25 – addition to December.
- Draft Capital and Revenue Budget proposals for 2025/26 – addition to December.
- Capital and Revenue budget monitoring reports – additions to December.

4.3. At the meeting, the idea of starting to take a themed approach to the Committee's work programme was discussed and the work programme at Appendix 1 has been structured with this in mind.

4.4. Starting in October there will be a section of the meeting, dedicated to a particular theme. This will be on a ratio of 2 meetings with a health related theme to 1 meeting relating to adult social care. The first meeting in October will be a theme around mental health including dementia. There will still be space on each agenda for ordinary business or urgent/time sensitive items.

5. Special Meeting 7 August 2024

5.1. The Committee held a special meeting on 7 August 2024 to consider a report on the NHS Kent and Medway (ICB) Community Services Transformation, with particular regard to children's services, given they were now being included in the re-procurement process. Following consideration of the item, the Committee decided that the updated proposals constituted a substantial variation or development in the provision of health services in Medway. In addition, the Committee requested that the ICB to publish the timescale, specifically the date by which it requires the Committee to provide its comments in response to the outcome of consultation and the date by which it intends to make a decision.

5.2. Following the meeting, the Head of Democratic Services contacted the Chief Executive of the ICB on this matter, and any updates will be reported at the meeting.

6. Cabinet Forward Plan

6.1. The latest Forward Plan of forthcoming Cabinet decisions was published on 29 July 2024. 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).

<https://democracy.medway.gov.uk/mgListPlanItems.aspx?PlanId=493&RP=115>

Cabinet date	Title	Comment
27 August 2024	Gateway 3 Contract Award: Assessment Bed Service This report will seek Cabinet approval to award a contract in relation to the Assessment Bed Service.	
30 July 2024	Capital Budget Monitoring – Quarter 1 2024/25 This report will set out the latest monitoring position.	Scheduled for 20 August HASC meeting
30 July 2024	Revenue Budget Monitoring – Quarter 1 2024/25 This report will set out the latest monitoring position.	Scheduled for 20 August HASC meeting
19 November 2024	Capital Budget Monitoring – Quarter 1 2024/25 This report will set out the latest monitoring position.	Requested to be considered at the December HASC meeting
19 November 2024	Council Plan Performance Monitoring and Risk Register Review Q1 & Q2 2024/25 This report will provide details of quarter 1 and quarter 2 performance for 2024/25 against the priorities set out in the Council Plan	Requested to be considered at the December HASC meeting
19 November 2024	Draft Capital & Revenue Budget 2025/26 proposals This report will set out the initial budget proposals for 2025/26.	Requested to be considered at the December HASC meeting
19 November 2024	Gateway 3 Contract Award: Home Care and Extra Care This report will seek Cabinet approval to award a contract in relation to the Home Care and Extra Care Service.	
19 November 2024	Revenue Budget Monitoring – Quarter 1 2024/25 This report will set out the latest monitoring position.	Requested to be considered at the December HASC meeting

7. Financial and legal implications

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

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Appendices

Appendix 1 – Proposed Work Programme

Background papers

None