

Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee

5 December 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 5 November 2024 attended by Councillor McDonald (Chairperson), Councillor Crozer and Councillor Wildey (Opposition Spokespersons).

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

- Due to the low likelihood of the Council's own CQC findings of its inspection into Adult Social Care being published in readiness for this meeting, this, along with the adult social care themed items, were moved to the January meeting of the Committee.
- Attendance of the Deputy Leader of the Council – it was noted that this had also been slipped to January to align with the Adult Social Care items but for the next municipal year it would be realigned to the October meeting to coincide with timeliness of data publications from the summer.
- Care for Medway Project – it was requested that this be added to the January meeting as pre-decision scrutiny.
- Medway NHS Foundation Trust – it was advised that publication date of the CQC inspection findings was still unknown and that if it was not ready for the December meeting it would be rescheduled for January.
- Integrated Neighbourhood Teams update – it was recommended that due to the number of reports being added to the January meeting, this was brought forward to December and is elsewhere on this agenda.

4.3. Following the pre-agenda meeting, the following information has been made available and amendments to the work programme have been reflected as necessary in Appendix 1:

- Democratic Services have been in discussion with Kent County Council about updating the terms of reference of the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee to reflect the change in legislation around referrals to the Secretary of State being replaced with a request to call-in, which took place at the beginning of the year. A short report in relation to updating the terms of reference will be presented to the Committee at the January meeting.
- The ICB have confirmed they should be able to report on the prosthetics item at the January meeting.
- The ICB's Winter Plan – this has been drafted by the ICB and is with NHS England for sign off. The draft plan will be shared with the Committee Members for information and if Members wish, the ICB are happy to offer a short briefing to Committee Members to provide an overview of the plan, given that time has not allowed for this to be discussed at a main Committee meeting.
- Adult ADHD and Autism pathway and procurement – the ICB have advised that there will be engagement events in the new year (one in Kent, one in Medway and one online) which HASC Members will be invited to attend and the ICB will report back on the outcome of these and an update on the project at the March meeting of the Committee.

5. Cabinet Forward Plan

- 5.1 The latest Forward Plan of forthcoming Cabinet decisions was published on 18 November 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). [Forward Plan - 18 November 2024](#).

Cabinet date	Title	Comment
14 January 2025	Gateway 3 Contract Award – Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS) Assessments This report will seek approval to award contract in relation to DoLS Assessment Service.	
14 January 2025	Medway Food Strategy This report will seek approval to award contract for the Supported Living Service.	Scheduled for December HASC
11 February 2025	Capital Budget Monitoring – Quarter 3 2024/25 This report will set out the latest monitoring position.	Scheduled for March HASC
11 February 2024	Care for Medway Project This report will set out options in relation to the Care for Medway project.	Proposed for January HASC
11 February 2025	Council Plan Performance Monitoring and Risk Register Review Q3 2024/25 This report will provide details of quarter 3 performance for 2024/25 against the priorities set out in the Council Plan	Scheduled for March HASC
11 February 2025	Revenue Budget Monitoring – Quarter 3 2024/25 This report will set out the latest monitoring position.	Scheduled for March HASC

6. Committee Development

- 6.1. The Committee has been keen to undertake some additional development opportunities and have undertaken a recent visit to the new Ambulance hub in Gillingham as well as receiving a briefing from Corporate Finance on the budget setting process for 2024/25, with particular focus on the pressures relating to adult social care.

6.2. Further briefings in the new year are to be provided on other aspects of adult social care and, in addition, the Integrated Care Board have offered to host a visit to the Lordswood Healthy Living Centre to look at primary care there. As referenced at the last meeting, the ICB are also keen to hold a number of development sessions with the Committee and we would like to explore the development of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Council, Kent County Council and the ICB in relation to health scrutiny. Democratic Services will therefore be canvassing Committee members for a number of dates into 2025.

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