

Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee

16 January 2025

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. The agenda planning meeting that was held on 5 November 2024 attended by Councillor McDonald (Chairperson), Councillor Crozer and Councillor Wildey (Opposition Spokespersons) covered both the December meeting and this meeting of the Committee and updates agreed at that meeting were reported to the last meeting of the committee.

4.2. 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:

- The ICB have confirmed that NHS England (who are leading the work on the prosthetics service) will not be ready to report to January and there this has been rescheduled for the March meeting.
- The Hospital have confirmed there CQC inspection letter will not now be published until February and therefore this has been rescheduled for the March meeting also.

5. Cabinet Forward Plan

5.1. The latest Forward Plan of forthcoming Cabinet decisions was published on 16 December 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 - 14 January 2025](#).

Cabinet date	Title	Comment
14 January 2025	Medway Food Strategy This report will seek approval to award contract for the Supported Living Service.	Was considered at 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 Preliminary Options to Build and Operate a Care Home This report will set out options in relation to the Care for Medway project.	Scheduled 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	CQC Assessment and Assurance of Local Authorities This report will present the outcome of an inspection of Adult Social Care.	Scheduled for January HASC
11 February 2025	Gateway 3 Contract Award: Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS) Assessments	

	This report will seek Cabinet approval to award the contract in relation to DoLS Assessments	
11 February 2025	Gateway 3 Contract Award: Re-commissioning of the Integrated Sexual Health Service Contract This report will seek Cabinet approval to award the contract in relation to the Integrated Sexual Health Service Contract	
11 February 2025	Proposed Capital and Revenue Budgets 2025/26 This report sets out proposals for the 2025/26 budgets including comments from overview and scrutiny committees	Was considered at December HASC
11 February 2025	Revenue Budget Monitoring – Quarter 3 2024/25 This report will set out the latest monitoring position.	Scheduled for March HASC
8 April 2025	Director of Public Health Annual Report This report will present the Director of Public Health’s Annual Report.	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 2025 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 previously, development sessions with the Committee and the ICB will be set up, part of which will include exploring 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 in the near future.

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