

## **Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

**17 June 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. Recommendation**

- 1.1. 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.

#### **2. Budget and policy framework**

- 2.1. 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.

#### **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 22 May 2025 attended by Councillor McDonald (Chairperson), Councillor Campbell (Vice-Chairperson) and Councillor Wildey (Opposition Spokesperson).

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

- That the report regarding hospital discharges be moved to the August meeting.
- That the report regarding assistive technology be removed from the work programme and instead a market place member development session be organised to provide the Committee with more information on this.
- A report on the Work and Health Strategy would be added to the August meeting for the Committee to consider as pre-decision scrutiny.
- A report on accommodation for vulnerable and at risk adults be added to the work programme – date yet to be determined.

The Members were also advised that with agreement from the Regional Director of Public Health, given the extenuating circumstances of last year for the Public Health Team there would not be a requirement to provide an annual report for 2024 and so work would continue on the annual report for the current year.

Following the meeting, the ICB have confirmed that NHS England (who are leading the work on the prosthetics service) were not in a position to provide a full report to the June meeting, therefore this has been rescheduled for the August meeting.

## 5. Quality Accounts

5.1. The Committee has been approached to comment on the Quality accounts for both Medway NHS Foundation Trust (MFT) and South East Coast Ambulance NHS Trust (SECamb). Both required prompt responses with deadlines ahead of this Committee meeting. Therefore, the Director of People and Deputy Chief Executive has relied on her delegation at 7.10 of the Employee Delegation Scheme, which states:

“In consultation with the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Spokespersons of the Health and Adult Social Care Committee and the Assistant Director Adult Services, to comment, if appropriate, on quality accounts submitted by provider trusts in future years.”

5.2. In relation to the commentary relating to MFT, the relevant Members were consulted and responses have been submitted. The commentary for SECamb is due to be consulted and submitted before the meeting.

## 6. Cabinet Forward Plan

6.1. The latest Forward Plan of forthcoming Cabinet decisions was published on 10 February 2025. 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 - 3 June 2025](#).

Cabinet date	Title	Comment
26 August 2025	<b>Capital Budget Monitoring – Round 1 2025/25</b> This report will set out the latest monitoring position.	To be scheduled
26 August 2025	<b>Gateway 1 Procurement Commencement: Provision of Residential and Nursing Care or Older People</b> This report will set out options paper in relation to the Care for Medway project.	
26 August 2025	<b>One Medway Council Plan Performance Monitoring and Risk Register Review Q1 2025/26</b> This report will set out the latest monitoring position.	To be scheduled
26 August 2025	<b>Revenue Budget Monitoring – Round 1 2025/26</b> This report will set out the latest monitoring position.	To be scheduled

## 7. Committee Development

- 7.1. The Committee has been keen to undertake some additional development opportunities. The first development sessions between the Committee and the ICB was held on 20 March 2025 and focused on an introduction to the NHS landscape, how it is funded, the challenges it faces along with opportunities. We will now look to hold another session and, given the changes to the ICB and its transformation, it is likely to cover that.

## 8. Financial and legal implications

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

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## Appendices

Appendix 1 – Proposed Work Programme

## Background papers

[DoH - Quality Accounts: a guide for Overview and Scrutiny Committees](#)