

Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee

20 August 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 24 July 2025 attended by Councillor McDonald (Chairperson), Councillor Campbell (Vice-Chairperson) and Councillors Crozer, Finch and Wildey (Opposition Spokespersons).

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

- A report on All Age Mental Health Services was added to the August meeting.
- An update to the Committee on Community Services was recommended for addition to October meeting, with an offer for an informal briefing in the interim, this will take place on Wednesday 3 September 2025 at 6pm, via MS Teams.
- Reference was made to a recent issue identified by Medway NHS Foundation Trust that almost 9000 referrals into the Ear Nose and Throat clinic had not been managed correctly. An investigation, commissioned by NHS England was ongoing and this would be reported to the Committee at its October meeting as the investigation would not be concluded by the August meeting.
- The Deputy Leader to be scheduled to be held to account at the October meeting.
- The Annual report of Adult Social Care Complaints and Compliments to be scheduled for the October meeting.
- The draft report of the Air Quality, Public Transport and Active Travel Task Group be scheduled for the October meeting.
- The Director of Public Health's Annual Report be scheduled for the December meeting.
- An update on the progress against the CQC Action Plan be scheduled for January meeting.
- An update on the Integrated Care Strategy be scheduled for the January meeting.

4.3. Following the agenda planning meeting, please note that the Council Plan Performance Monitoring/Strategic Risk Summary Quarter 1 report has been rescheduled for the October meeting, it had inadvertently been listed for the August meeting.

5. Cabinet Forward Plan

5.1. The latest Forward Plan of forthcoming Cabinet decisions was published on 30 June 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 - 29 July 2025](#).

Cabinet date	Title	Comment
26 August 2025	Gateway 1 Procurement Commencement: Provision of Residential and Nursing Care or Older People This report will set out options paper in relation to the Care for Medway project.	
26 August 2025	One Medway Council Plan Performance Monitoring and Risk Register Review Q1 2025/26 This report will set out the latest monitoring position.	Being presented at the October meeting
26 August 2025	Work and Health Strategy This report will set out the Work and Health Strategy for Cabinet approval.	Being presented at the August meeting

- 5.2. Reference was made to the Cabinet report relating to the Care for Medway project and officers were asked to ensure that the Committee has plenty of opportunity to scrutinise the project on its journey, should it go ahead.

6. Committee Development

- 6.1. 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.
- 6.2. It has been recommended to hold a further session on the recently published NHS Ten Year Plan, so Democratic Services will look to organise a date for this session.

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