

Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee

14 October 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 15 September 2025 attended by Councillor McDonald (Chairperson), Councillor Campbell (Vice-Chairperson) and Councillor Finch (Opposition Spokesperson).

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

- Reports relating to Mental Health Act Assessments and Transitions in Adult Social Care were deferred to the December meeting.
- The report from Medway NHS Foundation Trust in relation to the management of Ear Nose and Throat referrals should also include information about its recent Culture Review.

4.3. Following the agenda planning meeting, Democratic Services were advised that the location of the prosthetics service would still be unknown by the October meeting, this has therefore been deferred to October.

5. Cabinet Forward Plan

5.1. The latest Forward Plan of forthcoming Cabinet decisions was published on 22 September 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 - 21 October 2025](#).

Cabinet date	Title	Comment
21 October 2025	Gateway 1 Procurement Commencement: Intermediate Care and Reablement Service This report will set out options paper in relation to the Intermediate Care and Reablement Service contract.	
18 November 2025	Draft Capital and Revenue Budgets 2026/27 proposals This report will set out proposals for the 2026/27 budgets.	Scheduled for December
18 November 2025	Gateway 3 Contract Award: Medway Therapeutic Alliance This report will seek Cabinet approval to award the contract for the Medway Therapeutic Alliance	
18 November 2025	One Medway Council Plan Performance Monitoring and Risk Register Review Q2 2025/26 This report will set out the latest performance data.	Scheduled for December
18 November 2025	Capital and Revenue Budget Monitoring – Round 2 2025/26 This report will set out the latest performance data.	Scheduled for December

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18 November 2025	Task Group Report – Air Quality, Public Transport and Active Travel This report will set out the task group's report and recommendations for the Cabinet to consider	Scheduled for October
13 January 2026	Director of Public Health Annual Report This report will set out the DPH's annual report	Scheduled for December
13 January 2026	Gateway 3 Contract Award: Residential and Nursing Care This report will seek Cabinet approval to award the contract for the Residential and Nursing Care Contract.	
13 January 2026	Suicide Prevention Strategy This report will seek Cabinet approval of the strategy.	Scheduled for December

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