



Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee

15 January 2026

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. An agenda planning meeting was held on 8 December 2025 and was attended by Councillor McDonald (Chairperson), Councillor Campbell (Vice-Chairperson), Councillor Crozer, Councillor Finch and Councillor Wildey (Opposition Spokespersons).

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

- The report on the Early Help Offer and carers was deferred to the March meeting of the Committee.
- The report on the progress against the CQC Action Plan was deferred to March and will be combined with the Improvement Plan Progress update already scheduled for the March meeting.
- The report scheduled for January to provide an update on progress against the Integrated Care Strategy was removed from the work programme and officers were instead asked to explore providing the update via a development session instead.

5. Cabinet Forward Plan

5.1. The latest Forward Plan of forthcoming Cabinet decisions was published on 15 December 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 - 13 January 2026](#).

Cabinet date	Title	Comment
10 February 2026	Capital and Revenue budget Monitoring Round 3 2025/6 These will set out the latest monitoring position	Scheduled for March
10 February 2026	Gateway 1 Procurement Commencement: Substance Misuse All Age Service This report will seek approval to commence the procurement for this service	
10 February 2026	One Medway Council Plan Performance Monitoring and Risk Register Review Q3 2025/26 This report will set out the latest monitoring position.	Scheduled for March
10 February 2026	Suicide and Self Harm Prevention Strategy 2026-2030 This report will seek Cabinet's approval of the strategy.	Was considered at the December meeting.
10 March 2026	Adult Social Care Strategy This report sets out the strategy for approval.	Scheduled for January

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7 April 2026	<p>Gateway 1 Procurement Commencement: Community Support Opportunities (including Day Care) 65+</p> <p>This report will seek approval to commence the procurement for this service</p>	
7 April 2026	<p>Gateway 3 Contract Award: Residential and Nursing Care</p> <p>This report will seek approval to award the contract for this service</p>	

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, and Democratic Services are working with colleagues to organise a date for this session.
- 6.3. Democratic Services have also been working with colleagues and partners to organise a marketplace event for Members in relation to assistive technology within the context of Adult Social Care and it is hoped that the Committee can be updated on a potential date for this at the meeting.

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