

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

**12 March 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 9 February 2026 and was attended by Councillor McDonald (Chairperson), Councillor Crozer, Councillor Finch and Councillor Wildey (Opposition Spokespersons).

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

- A report providing an update on the transfer of Children’s Mental Health Services and the All-Age Eating Disorder Service to Kent and Medway Mental Health NHS Trust (KMMH) was added to the agenda for March.
- A report providing an update on the Community Services procurement and transformation was added to the agenda for March.

4.3 Following the pre-agenda meeting a report was also added to March on the integration of Kent Community Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (KCHFT) and Medway Community Healthcare (MCH).

## 5. Better Care Fund

5.1. Also following the pre-agenda meeting, the Council received guidance on the [Better Care Fund \(BCF\) Framework](#). The deadline for BCF Plans to be submitted is 30 April 2026. The timescales do not allow for this Committee to comment on the draft, however, officers have confirmed that the plan will be drafted to align with the various strategies such as; the Adult Social Care Strategy, the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy and the Integrated Care Strategy, all of which have oversight by this Committee. Moving forward BCF Plans would need to be aligned with Neighbourhood Health.

## 6. Cabinet Forward Plan

6.1. 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 - 10 March 2026](#).

Cabinet date	Title	Comment
7 April 2026	<b>Gateway 1 Procurement Commencement – Community Activities</b> This report will seek Cabinet approval to commence procurement of the Community Activities contract.	
7 April 2026	<b>Gateway 3 Contract Award – Integrated Community response Service</b> This report will seek Cabinet approval of the contract.	
5 May 2026	<b>Gateway 3 Contract Award – Residential and Nursing Care</b> This report will seek Cabinet approval of the contract.	

Cabinet date	Title	Comment
2 June 2026	<p><b>One Medway Council Plan Performance Monitoring and Risk Register Review Q4 2025/26</b></p> <p>This report will set out the latest monitoring position.</p>	Scheduled for June
2 June 2026	<p><b>Neighbourhood Health Plan</b></p> <p>This report will seek approval of the plan.</p>	Schedule for June

## 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.
- 7.2. Most recently we held a marketplace event for Members in relation to assistive technology within the context of Adult Social Care which was opened up to all Members of the Council .

## 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

None