

Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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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 14 May 2026 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:

- A report providing an update on the Children’s Mental Health Services and the All-Age Eating Disorder Service following its transfer to Kent and Medway Mental Health NHS Trust (KMMH) was added to the agenda for August.
- The report on the Neighbourhood Health Plan was deferred to August.
- A report regarding changes being made to Fertility Services and criteria was added to the June meeting.
- A report regarding Bedgebury Ward and the Assertive Outreach Service was added to the June meeting.

4.3 In addition, the Members were made aware that the Integrated Care Board was developing its Five-Year Strategy. Members were keen to be part of its development but were concerned about how feasible it would be to have a discussion on the strategy as part of a busy Committee agenda. It was therefore suggested that Members of the Committee be invited to a development session in June to discuss and feed in to the strategy which the ICB would then report back on how they have listened to and responded to the discussions. This session will be held on 23 June 2026, giving time for ICB colleagues to make any further changes to the strategy before it is formally signed off by the ICB Board in July.

5. Cabinet Forward Plan

5.1. The latest Forward Plan of forthcoming Cabinet decisions was published on 1 June 2026. 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 - 30 June 2026](#).

Cabinet date	Title	Comment
4 August 2026	Capital and Revenue Budget Monitoring – Round 1 2026/27 This report will set out the latest monitoring position	Scheduled for August
4 August 2026	Gateway 1 Procurement Commencement – Recommissioning Supported Living Services for Adults aged 18+ This report will seek Cabinet approval to commence procurement for the service.	

Cabinet date	Title	Comment
25 August 2026	Gateway 3 Contract Award – All Age Substance Misuse Service This report will seek Cabinet approval of the contract.	
25 August 2026	Neighbourhood Health Plan This report will set out the latest monitoring position.	Scheduled for August
25 August 2026	One Medway Council Plan Performance Monitoring and Risk Register Review Q1 2026/27 This report will set out the latest monitoring position	Scheduled for August

6. Committee Development

- 6.1. The Committee has been keen to undertake some additional development opportunities. We held a recent development session on Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder on 29 April 2026.
- 6.2. As referred to in paragraph 4.3 above, a further development session is being held with the ICB on 23 June 2026 to enable Members to participate in the development of the ICB's Five-Year Strategy and we hope to also be able to use this slot to help shape a Memorandum of Understanding between the Committee and NHS bodies across Kent and Medway, to help provide clarity in terms of duties and expectations in how the system will work together.
- 6.3. In addition, a development session is planned on 9 July 2026 for Members of both this Committee and the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee to provide more detail on the Children and Young People Mental Health Pathways. This is being delivered by KMMH.
- 6.4. Lastly we have organised a full Member development session in September to provide dementia awareness training. Although targeted to Members of this Committee, it is a session that will be beneficial to all members and is therefore being offered to all Members of the Council. This is being held on 15 September 2026 with an additional session being offered to those that cannot make it.

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