

Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee

13 October 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. Recommendations

- 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 16 September 2026 and was attended by Councillor McDonald (Chairperson), Councillor Campbell (Vice-Chairperson) and Councillor Wildey (Opposition Spokesperson).

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

- A report on the adult social care elements of CIPFA's External Assurance Review was added to the agenda for the October meeting.
- An update from KMMH would not be added to the October meeting and instead a briefing note would be provided, with an update being scheduled for a later meeting within the 2026/27 meeting cycle.
- A report providing an update on the actions being undertaken from the Air Quality, Public Transport and Active Travel Task Group was deferred to the January meeting.
- It was agreed that a briefing note summarising the outcomes of the engagement process and the ICB board's decisions regarding its Commissioning Intentions be shared with Members after the ICB's board meeting.
- The report on the Neighbourhood Health Plan was deferred to the December meeting.

5. Cabinet Forward Plan

5.1. The latest Forward Plan of forthcoming Cabinet decisions was published on 21 September 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 - 20 October 2026](#).

Cabinet date	Title	Comment
20 October 2026	Adult Social Care Workforce Strategy This report will seek Cabinet approval of the policy.	Scheduled for 13 October 2026
20 October 2026	Gateway 1 Procurement Commencement – Recommissioning Dementia Assessment Bed Service This report will seek Cabinet approval to commence procurement of the Assessment Bed Service.	
20 October 2026	Medway Care Home and Adult Social Care Units update This report will provide an update on design progress up to the end of RIBA 3 for the care home being brought forward at the former Innovation Park Medway South Site, project outputs and next steps.	

Cabinet date	Title	Comment
17 November 2026	Gateway 3 Contract Award –Former IPM South / Care for Medway Home Works Contractor award This report will seek Cabinet approval to to award a contract in respect of the above to design and build and take the project forward from RIBA 4.	
17 November 2026	Neighbourhood Health Plan This report will set out the Neighbourhood Health Plan	This will be moved to a later date TBC.

6. Committee Development

- 6.1. The Committee has been keen to undertake some additional development opportunities.
- 6.2. A session was held on Dementia Awareness on 15 September 2026 which was opened up to all Members of the Council and provided dementia training, along with information on assistive technology, day car services and engagement with services users and their families.
- 6.3. Unfortunately it was not well attended but the session was recorded and will be uploaded to the Member Portal.
- 6.4. Lastly, a visit to Kent and Medway Mental Health Trust has been offered to Members of the Committee and Members have been contacted separately regarding this. Spaces are very limited and will be offered on a first come first served basis.

7. Memorandum of Understanding

- 7.1. For some time, there has been reference to establishing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between this Committee, Kent HOSC and NHS bodies across Kent and Medway, to help provide clarity in terms of duties and expectations in how the system will work together. Work on the MoU continues and it is hoped to be progressed in the coming months.

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