

TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL
HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE SCRUTINY COMMITTEES– 25.08.11
2011/12 WORK PROGRAMME
REPORT OF SCRUTINY GROUP SPECIALIST

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To enable Members to plan the work programme for the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committees.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 Members agree the issues the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committees will scrutinise during 2011/12.

3.0 PREVIOUS MINUTES

- 3.1 N/A

4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 The Scrutiny arrangements established in May 2011 and the process for selecting topics for the Scrutiny Work Programme enable each Scrutiny Committee to determine its own work programme within the resources available.
- 4.2 Scrutiny Assembly Members, Cabinet Members, Senior Officers, Town & Parish Councils and partner organisations were invited to put forward their suggestions for the 2011/12 Scrutiny Work Programme. A total of 57 suggestions were received. The Scrutiny Management Board met on 12th July to review the suggestions and to allocate them to the relevant Scrutiny Committee.
- 4.3 The agreed allocation of statutory scrutiny functions to the Scrutiny Committees is set out in the table below.

Duty	Scrutiny Committee
Scrutiny of NHS bodies and emerging health and social care structures	Health Adult Social Care
Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership (Safer, Stronger	Scrutiny Management Board

Communities Partnership)	
Flood & Water Management	Scrutiny Management Board
Partners under LAA (under review)	Co-operative & Communities
Social Care referrals from the LINK	Adult Social Care
Scrutiny of Budget Proposals under the terms of the Council's Constitution	Budget & Finance

4.4 The Scrutiny Committees will determine the topics for their own work programme. Each Committee will consider the suggestions referred by the Scrutiny Management Board and relevant issues outstanding from previous scrutiny arrangements.

4.5 Other Scrutiny suggestions received during the year will be considered by the Scrutiny Management Board and referred to the relevant Scrutiny Committee to consider at its next meeting.

5.0 SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

5.1 Scrutiny Committees will hold meetings as appropriate to deliver the work programme and within the resources available. The Scrutiny Management Board will co-ordinate the allocation of resources across all Scrutiny Committees and will make decisions about resources where there are competing pressures.

5.2 Scrutiny Committee meetings will be held as public meetings whenever possible.

6.0 ISSUES FOR SCRUTINY

6.1 The suggestions that were allocated to the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committees by the Scrutiny Management Board, and the outstanding issues from previous scrutiny arrangements are set out in Appendix 1 below.

6.2 Members will need to consider:

- Which suggestions should be included in the work programme
- Which items will be scrutinised by:
 - The Health Scrutiny Committee
 - The Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee
 - Jointly by both Committees
 - The Joint Health & Overview Scrutiny Committee
- The order of priority for work
- Future meeting dates

7.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

7.1 Members will consider the equal opportunities implications of the issues identified for further scrutiny.

8.0 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

8.1 There are no environmental impacts directly arising as a result of this report.

9.0 LEGAL COMMENT

9.1 The operation of the Scrutiny function of the Council is set out in Part 2, Articles 6 & 8 and Part 4, Section 5 of the Council's Constitution: Scrutiny Procedure Rules. These Rules provide at 3.1 and 3.3 that the Scrutiny Management Board will co-ordinate, oversee and monitor the delivery of the Scrutiny work programme and will allocate suggestions to the Committees and make recommendations about priorities. The statutory functions for Scrutiny are set out in paragraph 4.3 of Section 5. This report and its recommendations accord with the provisions of Part 4, Section 5 of the Constitution.

10.0 LINKS WITH CORPORATE PRIORITIES

10.1 The Scrutiny Work Programme will link in with emerging priorities.

11.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

11.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report. Support for the co-ordination and preparation of the Scrutiny Work Programme is in the form of officer time which is funded from existing budgets.

12.0 OPPORTUNITIES AND RISKS

12.1 The work of the Scrutiny Committees is a major opportunity for Members and Co-optees to influence the work and policy of the Council and partner organisations. In order to manage the Scrutiny work load effectively Members should identify the issues where Scrutiny can add the most value. Identifying too many issues for the Committee work programme will mean some issues will not be completed with the agreed timescales.

13.0 WARD IMPLICATIONS

13.1 Borough Wide

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SUGGESTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

	Key issue or service area	Area for Scrutiny	Responsible Scrutiny Committee
1	Health – Hospital reconfiguration	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Continued monitoring of the hospital reconfiguration proposals as set out in the work programme of the Joint Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee. Monitoring of the Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital Trust reconfiguration. 	Health
2	Health – PCT clusters and local arrangements	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The potential of lack of T&W focus as a result of PCT cluster and pan Shropshire moves, and increased bureaucracy of current arrangements introducing 2 extra layers between our local PCT and the SHA. There is a need to look at the West Mercia PCT Cluster and how this may affect primary care in T&W and Shropshire. There is certainly a need to ensure no negative effects. 	Health
3	Health – development of the commissioning consortium in Telford & Wrekin	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Supporting the development of the Telford & Wrekin commissioning consortium as our vehicle for a continued T&W voice in the health service I believe it will be important to look at the transition from current Primary Care operation to the new way when the bill finally gets approval, if it does. 	Health
4	Health – Health & Wellbeing Board	Health & Wellbeing Boards and Scrutiny...need to make sure work is aligned	Health
5	Health – Public Health	Public Health and the danger of PH England getting most of the resources	Health
6	Health – SaTh Foundation Trust application	Hospital Trust – the risks around clinical safety/staff culture and financial viability to the achievement of Foundation Trust status with the ensuing risk of loss of control/services	Health
7	Health – Community Trust	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The on-going viability of the Community Trust Examination of how Community Health is now working in the Telford area now that that area of the PCT has been split off and is operating jointly with Shropshire. 	
8	Health – Mental Health Services	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Mental Health Services – the effectiveness of services in the community to compliment the redevelopment of Shelton and the reduction in beds. Monitoring of the new build at Shelton Hospital and 	Health

		the development of Community Mental Health Services to cater for the reduction in number of beds available at the new hospital.	
9	Health – West Midlands Ambulance Service	Examination of the changes in the West Midlands Ambulance Service and the development of the new hubs	Health
10	Health – cancer services	Cancer services – to review whether targets are being met for appointments, diagnoses etc.	Health
11	Health	Monitor health outcomes	Health
12	Health – stroke services	To review the provision of local stroke services against the principles set out in the national Stroke Strategy for early diagnosis and treatment and rapid rehabilitation. How do services in Shropshire meet the standards; are two lower level centres or one centre of excellence better?	Health
13	Health – care of discharged patients	Support and care of discharged patients – to review the support provided to people post-discharge, including support from the Mental Health Services. Telford LINK has identified this as an issue and is about to undertake a survey to identify the extent and nature of the issues and will report the findings to the Health Scrutiny Committee.	Health
14	GP appointment system. I would like scrutiny to take a look at the Wellington Medical Practice.	I would like to be able to see a doctor that I'm registered with especially when it's something personal. If it's a mundane problem I don't mind seeing who ever I can. I've queued up outside the medical centre at 8 o'clock in the morning for an appointment in the pouring rain, by the time I've got in there's no appointment for the doctor I'm registered with – and if you're unlucky all the appointment are gone for the day. You are told make an appointment on the internet again you can be told there is no appointment for the rest of the month. The appointment system needs addressing.	Health
15	Health and Adult Social Care	NHS –QIPP savings – the cost displacement onto the Council around Continuing Health Care withdrawal	Health/Adult Social Care
16	Adult Social Care	Are we using the correct strategy to achieve the Adult Care cost savings needed for the budget over the next 3 years? Will we achieve the targets? Will we have overspends? Will the public get the correct services and quality of service? If we do not get this strategy right we will have massive budget problems as well as very serious quality of service issues.	Adult Social Care
17	Adult Social Care	Residential care homes – especially what will happen to people in Southern Cross care homes. There are 2 in the borough.	Adult Social Care
18	Chiropody services	The funding position and implications of any funding cuts	Health/Adult Social Care