

TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL**HEALTH AND ADULT CARE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 26 JULY 2016****2016/17 WORK PROGRAMME****REPORT OF DEMOCRATIC & SCRUTINY SERVICES TEAM LEADER****1.0 PURPOSE**

- 1.1 To enable the Health and Adult Care Scrutiny Committee to consider suggestions for and agree the Committee's work programme for 2016 – 17.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Committee agree the work programme for 2016–17; and
2.2 That the Committee agree a programme of meeting dates for the remainder of the 2016-17 municipal year.

3.0 PREVIOUS MINUTES

None.

4.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 4.1 The suggestions attached in Appendix 1 were considered by the Scrutiny Management Board on 20 July 2016 and referred to the Health & Adult Care Scrutiny Committee to decide which issues should be included in the Committee's Work Programme.
- 4.2 Scrutiny Management Board allocated a baseline of six formal meetings during the municipal year for scrutiny of items on the Health & Adult Care work programme. This allocation does not include informal or sub-group meetings which may be held to gather evidence as part of a review, briefing meetings or regional/external scrutiny meetings.
- 4.3 The work between this Committee and the Joint Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee will need to be co-ordinated. Additional meetings have been allocated to the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider the Future Fit programme. However, Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee is a sub-Committee of this Committee and meetings held specifically to consider items outside the Future Fit process may need to be considered as part of the allocation for this Committee.
- 4.4 Members are asked to be rigorous and focussed in selecting topics for the work programme and carefully consider an appropriate method of

scrutiny for each topic. It must be recognised that the Democratic & Scrutiny Services Team, Council and its partner organisations do not have the capacity to support scrutiny of all the issues Members may wish to scrutinise and some issues could be dealt with informally or through group email.

- 4.5 The work programme will be flexible to allow for important issues which emerge during the year to be scrutinised. However, if a new topic is added to the work programme, consideration must be given to removing an existing item to avoid the workload becoming unmanageable and losing focus.
- 4.6 Scrutiny Management Board have also agreed that any items on the scrutiny work programme that are not scrutinised by the end of the work programme period are automatically removed so that attention remains focused on up-to-date issues and concerns. However, if an issue remains of concern it may be re-submitted for consideration in the next work programme.
- 4.7 Members should also take into account the work programme for the Health and Wellbeing Board.

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

- 5.1 There are no specific equal opportunity impacts arising from this report. Equal Opportunity issues will be considered as part of any scrutiny work.

6.0 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

- 6.1 There are no specific environmental impacts arising from this report. Environmental impacts will be considered as appropriate to the topics in the work programme.

7.0. LEGAL COMMENT

From the Scrutiny Management Report submitted to the meeting on 20 July 2016:

- 7.1 The Council is under a legal requirement to provide an overview and scrutiny function in accordance with provisions at section 9 of the Local Government Act 2000 (as amended) and associated legislation. Government guidance states that Overview and Scrutiny Committees should have flexibility to determine most of their workplan and that the Council adopts mechanisms for coordinating that work.
- 7.2 The proposals for discussion by the Board in this report contribute towards complying with both the statutory requirements and government guidance.

8.0 LINKS WITH CORPORATE PRIORITIES

- 8.1 Scrutiny members are asked to agree the work programme in the context of the Council's priorities.

9.0 OPPORTUNITIES AND RISKS

- 9.1 There is an opportunity to focus the work programme on fewer topics and in more depth in areas of policy development where scrutiny can have a greater impact. There is a risk that too many topics are kept in the work programme so that it loses focus and impact.

10. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

From the Scrutiny Management Report submitted to the meeting on 20 July 2016:

- 10.1 Scrutiny has a role in ensuring that local government is effective and accountable. This includes undertaking reviews and challenging and monitoring performance. There is provision for the cost of supporting the Scrutiny function in the 2016/17 budget and any variance that arises will be reported, as appropriate, as part of financial monitoring. The financial implications of any recommendations made by Scrutiny should be considered as part of reports as relevant.
- 10.2 Scrutiny also plays an important part in the budget consultation process which is reflected in the work programme and is a key piece of work which feeds into the Council's overall budget strategy.

11. WARD IMPLICATIONS

- 11.1 There are no specific ward implications arising from this report.

12. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 12.1 None

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Appendix 1

Suggestions for the Health & Adult Care Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2016/17

DIRECTOR / ASSISTANT DIRECTOR	ISSUE	COMMENT
Richard Smith	Adult Safeguarding Board Report	Standing item - There is a statutory requirement that the ASB publish an annual report. HWB receive the report for noting.
Richard Smith	Adult Care Peer Review	Ongoing - Formal Feedback awaited
Richard Smith / CCG	Joint Mental Health commissioning strategy	Ongoing – To review the implementation of the strategy. Following the meeting on 26 July, the Committee should decide whether it is satisfied with the approach or if further work is required.
External / WMAS	West Midlands Ambulance Service	Suggestion on previous Work Programme. Performance issues
External / NHS	Quality Accounts	<p>Standing item - Traditionally, the Committee receives request for comment on the following QAs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shrewsbury & Telford Hospital NHS Trust • Shropshire Community Health NHS Trust • West Midlands Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust • South Staffordshire and Shropshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust <p>Received around March/May, sometimes at very short notice. Comments must be evidence based and therefore focussed on issues raised during the work programme</p>
External / CCG	Town Centre GP services & NHS Walk in Centres	Ongoing – The outcome of the consultation options and feedback received was presented to the CCG Governance Board in July.

Jonathan Eatough / Richard Smith / External	NHS Independent Complaints and Advocacy Service	Suggestion on previous Work Programme. Issue raised is how the service is commissioned by the LA and the level of funding. – Joint with Finance & Enterprise Scrutiny Committee
Richard Smith	Adult Care Budget and Savings	On-going work to monitor the delivery of savings and development of a monitoring framework. – Joint with Finance & Enterprise Scrutiny Committee
Liz Noakes / Richard Smith	Growing isolation of older people	New Suggestion received from T&W Senior Citizens Forum Reducing social isolation (not just for older people) is a broad area and an important one. One of the Health & Wellbeing Board's priorities is about improving community resilience and community based support and this will include actions to address social isolation. Careful scoping would be needed in order to avoid duplication with the work of the HWB.