

Select Committee on Health and Adult Social Care – 10th July 2007.

Report of the Lead Officer

Work Programme for 2007/08

Purpose of Report

1. To confirm the Work Programme of the Committee for the 2007/08 Municipal Year.

Background

2. The Terms of Reference of the Committee provide for the Committee to fulfil all of the overview and scrutiny functions as they relate to:-
 - the improvement of local health and adult social/health care services, as a contribution to the Council's community leadership role.
 - to create an annual Scrutiny Plan.
 - to make reports and recommendations to local National Health Service (NHS) bodies and to the Council on any matter reviewed or scrutinised which explain the matter reviewed, summarise the evidence considered, provides a list of participants in the scrutiny exercise, and makes any recommendations on the matter reviewed as appropriate.
 - to proactively receive information within given timescales, with some exceptions as per current Government Guidance, requested from local NHS bodies.
 - to be consulted by and respond to (as appropriate) NHS bodies in connection with the rationale behind any proposal and options for change to local health services made by the NHS.
 - to ensure the involvement of local stakeholders, e.g. by co-opting individuals, as appropriate, to help the work of the Committee.
 - to take referrals from local Patients' Forums.
 - to act in accordance with Government Guidance relating to Health and Scrutiny.
4. During the course of 2007/08 the Committee will also be invited to consider:-
 - Update of the Council's Capital Strategy
 - Equality and Diversity Reports for the Directorate of Adult Community and Housing Services.
 - Quarterly Corporate Performance Management Reports
 - Annual Review of Equality and Diversity 2007.
5. The Committee is now requested to consider its Work Programme for the 2007/08 Municipal Year as proposed in Appendix 1.

Finance

7. There are no direct financial consequences arising from this report.

Law

8. Section 111 of the Local Government Act, 1972 enables the Council to do anything which is calculated to facilitate or is conducive or incidental to the discharge of its functions.

Equality Impact

9. This report complies fully with the Council's policies on equal opportunities and diversity.
10. This report will have no specific effect on children and young people. There is no requirement for consultation with children and young people or the involvement of children and young people in noting the report.

Recommendation

11. That the Committee considers its Work Programme for 2007/08 as proposed in Appendix 1 and that the Lead Officer to the Committee, in consultation with the Chairman and appropriate officers, develop a timetable for the Work Programme.

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List of Background Papers

- The Council's Constitution