

Report to HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Health Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2020/21

Chair:

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Purpose of the Report

For the Health Scrutiny Committee to review the Health Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2020/21.

Recommendations

The Health Scrutiny Committee is asked to note and comment on the attached Health Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2020/21.

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1. Background

- 1.1 Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 4.1 requires each Overview and Scrutiny Committee to prepare and maintain a Committee Work Programme.
- 1.2 The Health Scrutiny Committee Work Programme presents the issues that the Committee will be considering and scrutinising during the 2020/21 Municipal Year. The 2020/21 Work Programme covers the issues to be discussed at each meeting, issues and actions arising, matters identified for consideration at workshops or in task and finish groups, and other matters that have been identified as issues for possible consideration.
- 1.3 The Committee's area of interest covers health, social care and public health functions and the implications of the Covid-19 pandemic on work programming and Committee business was considered briefly in the report to Committee in July 2020. It was noted that the Public Health have a focus on mandated functions related to the pandemic meaning that public health-related business identified in the Work Programme had been listed as 'pending' until such time as re-assessment of public health activities going forward means that these items can progress and be brought to the Committee.
- 1.4 Members will recall that, at the meeting of the Committee held on 8th December 2020, the Chief Operating Officer/Strategic Director Commissioning offered to meet with the Chair, Vice Chair and other members of the Committee as available, alongside the Director of Commissioning and Operations and the Managing Director Community Services and Adult Social Care, to consider future issues for consideration by the Committee. This meeting will help inform one strand of the Committee's work programme going forward into 2021/22 Municipal Year.
- 1.5 The Council meeting on 24th March 2021 is to be asked to implement the new overview and scrutiny structure comprising a Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee, a Performance Overview and Scrutiny Committee and a Health Scrutiny Committee, as agreed by the Council at the meeting held on 17th June 2020, with effect from the start of the next Municipal Year. The Statutory Scrutiny Officer and Officers from Constitutional Services will work with the three Overview and Scrutiny Board/Committee Chairs to determine Work Programmes for the new Committees and to develop briefings for scrutiny Members on the new structure and the Council's approach to scrutiny more generally.
- 1.6 The Health Scrutiny Committee Work Programme has been updated to reflect the outcomes of the Committee meeting on 26th January 2021 and is attached for consideration and noting.