

HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE SCRUTINY PANEL

DATE	30 th November 2022
REPORT OF	Assistant Chief Executive (Statutory Scrutiny Officer)
SUBJECT	Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Panel - Work Programme Review
STATUS	Open

CONTRIBUTION TO OUR AIMS

The scrutiny panels act as a reviewing mechanism for decisions made relating to the strategic policy, performance and resources required to deliver the ambitions of the Council and its key partnerships. The aim of the scrutiny process is to make sure decision making is robust by providing constructive challenge. This contributes to the Council being effective and efficient, and therefore it is integral to the delivery of the Council Priorities.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report reflects on progress with the panel's work programme at the half-year stage and provides a formal opportunity for the panel to update its work programme as it considers appropriate.

MATTER(S) FOR CONSIDERATION

The panel is asked to consider progress made to date with its work programme and update it if it is felt that items need to be re-prioritised, removed or added. There is also the opportunity for an informal workshop if the panel feel that further discussions are required ahead of any formal scrutiny work.

1. BACKGROUND AND ISSUES

- 1.1 This report and its appendix summarises the 2021/22 agreed work programme and the panel's timetable of activities to undertake this work.
- 1.2 The panel's work programme remains flexible and the panel has the opportunity to amend it at any point throughout the Municipal Year. It is good practice to keep the work programme under review and the half-year stage seems an appropriate time to do so.
- 1.3 The review of scrutiny arrangements undertaken earlier this year did recommend that an informal scrutiny panel session be held half-way through the Municipal Year to monitor progress against their individual work programmes. This recommendation is acknowledged but, mindful of the pressures on Members' time, this report is brought to a formal meeting to ensure that the necessary review is undertaken but also to allow the panel the option of a further informal workshop session should it be considered appropriate.

2. RISKS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Any actions which the council may undertake as a result of recommendations made by scrutiny will be the subject of further reports, which will include risk assessment(s) by the author(s) concerned.

3. REPUTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATIONS

The work programme demonstrates the breadth of matters considered by scrutiny.

4. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

There are no financial considerations included within this report.

5. IMPLICATIONS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

There are no impacts on children and young people as a direct result of this report. The panel will have the opportunity to consider to any implications for children and young people as it considers individual items within its work programme.

6. CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no impacts on climate change and the environment as a direct result of this report. Any actions which the council may undertake as a result of recommendations made by scrutiny will be the subject of further reports, which will include climate change and environmental implications by the author(s) concerned.

7. MONITORING COMMENTS

In the opinion of the author, this report does not contain recommended changes to policy or resources (people, finance or physical assets). As a result no monitoring comments have been sought from the Council's Monitoring Officer (Chief Legal Officer), Section 151 Officer (Director of Finance) or Strategic Workforce Lead.

8. WARD IMPLICATIONS

May impact on all wards

9. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Annual report of scrutiny 2021/22

Panel tracking reports

Work programme report submitted to this panel on 4th August 2022.

10. CONTACT OFFICER(S)

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PROPOSAL FOR ITEMS UNDER CONSIDERATION: Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Panel 2022/23

AGENDA ITEMS	3rd August	5th October	30th November	1st February	22nd March
	4.00pm	4:00pm	4:00pm	4:00pm	4:00pm
THEME:					
STANDING / GENERAL AGENDA ITEMS:-	<p>Work Programme 2022/23</p> <p>Director of Public Health Annual Report 2021</p> <p>Provisional Financial Outturn Report</p>	<p>EMAS & NLAG</p> <p>Fair Cost of Care and Market Sustainability</p> <p>Respite Charging Increase (consultation with scrutiny)</p> <p>Q1 Council Plan Performance Report</p> <p>Q1 Finance monitoring report</p>	<p>Q2 Finance monitoring report</p> <p>Q2 council plan performance</p> <p>Review of 2022/23 Work Programme</p> <p>DFG Process update (including Housing Adaptation Policy)</p> <p>Adult Services Annual Complaints Report inc Ombudsman</p> <p>Integrated Health Care System at Place</p>	<p>Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report</p> <p>Fair Cost of Care and Market Sustainability Plan (from the tracking report)</p> <p>Lack of provision for hearing loss and the deaf community across NEL.</p> <p>Director of Health Annual Report 2022– Derek Ward</p> <p>A revised approach to adult social care charging for short stays in a care home ('respite') (prior to Cabinet on the 15th February 2023)</p>	<p>Q3 Finance monitoring report</p> <p>Work Programme Update 2023/24</p> <p>Duel Diagnosis</p>

Agenda Items Still to be Scheduled:

- **Joint work with Communities Scrutiny Panel on monitoring the priorities in the Drugs and Alcohol Strategy (February 2023?)**
- **Joint work on children and adults' mental health with Children's Scrutiny in particular for 16-18 year olds.**
- **To look at the availability of dental services/oral health and the impact of residents not being able to access services.**
- **To look at the impact Mental Health – Covid 19 and what services have been put in place to support residents.**

