
Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee

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Report of the Assistant Director, Governance & ITT

Report – Work plan for the Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee 2011/2012

Summary

1. This report presents the Committee's draft work plan for the forthcoming year for consideration. It asks Members to consider any additions and/or amendments they may wish to make to it. The draft work plan is attached at Annex A to this report.

Background

2. The work plan is an ongoing and fluid document that will aid the Committee to undertake a programme of work in the forthcoming year. The Scrutiny Officer will be in attendance at the meeting and will be happy to answer any questions Members may have on any of the items currently on the work plan. However, some of the ongoing work is briefly explained in the paragraphs below:

Ongoing Work

Year End Outturn Reports and Quarterly Monitoring Reports

3. Members receive these at regular intervals throughout the municipal year. They allow Members to monitor the financial performance of the Council throughout and can also be used to identify potential areas for review.

Reports from the Cabinet Member for Health, Housing & Adult Social Services

4. Once a year the Cabinet Member for Health, Housing & Adult Social Services is invited to present a report to the Committee on their forthcoming priorities and challenges for the year ahead. This usually takes the form of a verbal report but some Cabinet Members also like to submit a written report. The Committee can invite the Cabinet Member to attend more frequently should they wish to do so.

Recommendations Arising from Previous Scrutiny Reviews

5. Once a scrutiny review is complete the final report is presented to Cabinet. They will then choose whether to support the recommendations arising from the review. All those recommendations that are supported should then be implemented as soon as possible. Scrutiny Committees monitor the

implementation of the recommendations arising from reviews that fall within their remit on a six-monthly rolling basis. Once the Committee is satisfied that all recommendations have been adequately achieved they need not receive any more updates. There are currently two updates in relation to previous completed reviews scheduled in the draft work plan.

6. In addition to this both the Dementia Review and Carer's Review completed in previous municipal years have 'spin off' monitoring reports to allow the Committee to keep up to date on progress within these two areas.

Six Monthly Updates from Key Partners

7. These were introduced about 18 months ago and have proved to be a useful way for Members to keep up to date with the priorities and challenges of their main three key partners (Primary Care Trust, York Hospitals & the Ambulance Service). These have been scheduled into the draft work plan on an approximate 6 monthly basis.
8. In addition to this key partners attend the Committee on a regular basis to provide Members with progress reports on individual services and service changes. The draft work plan currently has scheduled reports on the following:
 - Transforming Community Services: The Primary Care Trust (PCT) was required to divest itself of the provider side of their organisation, which included services for mental health, learning disabilities, substance misuse and community based services. The previous Committee had requested to be kept updated on this change.

Updates on Changes within the NHS

9. The Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee has taken considerable interest in the proposed changes to the NHS receiving regular updates from key partners. There is currently a progress report on developing a Shadow Health & Well-Being Board scheduled into the draft work plan.

Annual Performance Account (Local Account) for Adult Social Care

10. A Local Account will be a public facing document of priorities for quality and outcomes in social care. The account will describe and evidence how the Council is working with other partners locally in support of shared outcome priorities (for instance, in relation to cross-sector work on prevention and reablement with the NHS) and concentrate on the impact, which we are having. The account may include a LINKs/HealthWatch view, representing service users' perspective and to have their input into priorities for the year ahead. The account will be supported by a selection of data and measures, which demonstrate the objectives chosen locally in support of the overall narrative.
11. The expectation will be that the account will support partnership commissioning arrangements and the Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee and the Transitional Health and Wellbeing Board should provide a sign off and

statement supporting the identified adults quality and outcome priorities their support for these to be taken forward over the year.

National Review of Children's Cardiac Services

12. Currently the NHS is reviewing how it delivers congenital heart services in England and Wales. A regional joint scrutiny committee has been established on which York Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee is represented. Papers for this Committee can be found on [Leeds City Council's Website](#).

Identifying Suitable Topics for Future Scrutiny Reviews

13. In order to highlight to this Committee possible scrutiny topics for scrutiny review in this coming municipal year the relevant Cabinet Member has been invited to attend the July meeting to discuss their priorities for the year. At this meeting you will also hear from Senior Officers about ongoing and planned work within Directorates relevant to the remit of this Committee.
14. In addition, the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) recommendations relevant to the remit of this Committee have been provided at Annex B for your information. The JSNA is a process that identifies current and future health and well being needs of a local population, informing the priorities and targets and leading to shared commissioning priorities that will improve outcomes and reduce health inequalities.
15. The Scrutiny Services team have also been informed of a possible number of topics, which Councillors are considering submitting. Once received, any relevant to the remit of this Committee will need to be considered alongside the information provided by the Cabinet Members and/or senior officers when agreeing priorities for this year's annual workplan.

Outside of this forward planning, other issues received throughout the year will need to be considered as and when they arise and where appropriate the Committee may be asked to revise their workplan accordingly.

Information Sharing Event

16. The role of the Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee is a complex one that involves close working with key partners in the Health Service. In order to increase Members' understanding of the Health Service and who the key players are Members are advised to hold an 'information sharing event'.

Consultation

17. The Scrutiny Officer will be in attendance at the meeting and will be happy to answer any questions Members may have on any of the items currently shown on the draft workplan. Members will also have the opportunity to discuss potential items for the work plan and potential topics for review with those senior officers present at this meeting; the Lead Officer allocated to this Committee and the Scrutiny Officer.

Options

18. Members are asked to consider the draft work plan and make any amendments/additions they feel necessary. They may also choose at this stage to identify any possible topics for in depth consideration at a future meeting in order to agree the Committee's work plan for 2011/2012.

Analysis

19. At this stage the Committee are asked only to identify a number of broad subjects for possible scrutiny review. The scrutiny officer, together with relevant officers will then carry out some research and gather evidence in order to provide detailed information on each topic at a future meeting. The Committee will then be asked to identify resulting specific problems and issues or areas of associated policy development, which they would like to focus any scrutiny review on and to prioritise their work on any agreed topics. These will then form the basis of the work plan for 2011/12.
20. Members are also asked to consider holding an 'information sharing event' where key partners are invited to attend. The Scrutiny Officer could arrange this and this would provide Members with the opportunity to listen to and ask questions of some of the partners they will be working with during the year. It is suggested that if Members' wish to proceed with this they agree a provisional date for the event and delegate the organisation to the Scrutiny Officer, the Chair and the Vice-Chair of the Committee.

Corporate Strategy 2009/2012

21. This report relates to the 'Healthy City' theme of the Corporate Strategy 2009/2012.

Implications

22. There are no known financial implications associated with the recommendations within this report. However, should Members choose to hold an 'information sharing event' costs could be incurred for catering and room hire, if the event were to be externally.
23. Review topics often incur costs as well and these would be addressed as part of the review process.
24. There are no other implications arising from the recommendations in this report.

Risk Management

25. In compliance with the Council's risk management strategy there are no known risks associated with the recommendations within this report.

Recommendations

26. Members are requested to:

- i. Members are requested to consider the draft work plan for 2011/2012 and identify any broad topic areas they would like detailed information on.
- ii. Consider whether they wish to hold an 'information sharing event' and if so agree a date.

Reason: In order to provide the Committee with a work programme for future meetings.

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Specialist Implications Officer(s) None

Wards Affected:

All

For further information please contact the author of the report

Background Papers:

None

Annexes

Annex A Work plan

Annex B Recommendations arising from the JSNA