

**SETTING THE ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME 2024/25****REPORT OF THE SCRUTINY AND MEMBERS' SUPPORT  
COORDINATOR****1. Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to consider and agree a work programme for the Committee for the municipal year 2024/25.

**2. Background**

- 2.1 The work programme is designed to set out the key issues to be addressed by the Committee during the year and provide it with a timetable of work. The Committee itself is responsible for setting its own work programme, subject to the coordinating role of the Scrutiny Coordinating Committee.
- 2.2 To be most effective, the work programme should provide a basis and framework for the work of the Committee, while retaining sufficient flexibility to respond to any important issues that emerge during the course of the year. The work programme is therefore intended to be a working document that the Committee can develop and refer to throughout the year.
- 2.3 In order to ensure that the Committee is able to undertake all of its business and respond to emerging issues, there will be scope for additional meetings or visits not detailed in the work programme.
- 2.4 The remit of the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee covers the following:-
- Any matter relating to the service performance, service provision and the commissioning of health services for adults and children including adult social care, mental health services, public health, wellness, decent homes. To act as the designated scrutiny committee for statutory purposes for health.*
- 2.5 The work programme should reflect the remit of the Committee and the need to balance its responsibility for undertaking scrutiny, performance management and policy review (where necessary).
- 2.6 The work programme should also reflect and be aligned to the key priorities of the Council as set out in documents such as the City Plan and issues raised during the Health and Wellbeing development session held on 4 June 2024.

**3. DETERMINING THE SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME**

- 3.1 Topics for inclusion in the Scrutiny Work Programme will vary from single issue items for consideration such as policy and performance reports through to regular updates on issues where the committee have adopted a more focused monitoring role.

- 3.2 The table below summarises the relevant single item issues which are likely to be a regular feature of the work programme for 2024/25. The table also summarises a number of issues and topics that members of the committee have discussed at its recent development session. These items will be programmed into the work programme at relevant dates in discussion with the appropriate officers.

<b>Regular Work Programme Items</b>	
Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee Work Programme <i>(Monthly)</i>	To receive the committee's work programme outlining future meetings of the committee and the items scheduled for those meetings.
28 Day Notice of Key Decisions <i>(Monthly)</i>	To consider the Council's 28 Day Notice of Key Decisions which contains matters which are likely to be the subject of a key decision to be taken by the executive, a committee of the executive, individual members of the executive, officers, area committees or under joint arrangements in the course of the discharge of an executive function during the period covered by the plan.
Joint OSC Update <i>(Quarterly)</i>	To provide the committee with an overview of the information presented at the Integrated Care Partnership Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
<b>Single Item (Items to be scheduled when dates known)</b>	
Director of Public Health Annual Report <i>(Sunderland City Council)</i>	The DPH Annual Report provides a good overview of key issues, challenges and achievements in terms of public health. Potential to provide further areas of interest for the committee.
Healthy City Plan Refresh <i>(Sunderland City Council)</i>	To consider and comment on any changes to the Healthy City part of the City Plan.
Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment Update <i>(Sunderland City Council)</i>	To provide a progress update in terms of changes to pharmacy numbers and impacts on the PNA.
Suicide Prevention <i>(Sunderland City Council)</i>	A further update on suicide prevention with a particular focus on men's MH and more broadly MH promotion including positive MH.
Drug and Alcohol Services <i>(Sunderland City Council and</i>	Impact of alcohol is very significant on the city, current funding model will come to an end this

<i>South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust</i>	year – what will be the impact on services if funding changes. To include an update from the Trust’s alcohol care team who work with patients.
Housing and Homelessness <i>(Sunderland City Council)</i>	What are the health implications of poor housing standards e.g. damp and mould, and homelessness – and what is currently being done to address any issues.
Dental Services Update <i>(Sunderland ICB - NHS Improvement)</i>	An update on the current situation in relation to dental services in Sunderland including access to NHS dentists.
ICB Performance Update <i>(Sunderland ICB)</i>	An update on the performance of Sunderland ICB and to include an evaluation of the impact of the Pharmacy First initiative.
Women’s Health <i>(Sunderland ICB and Sunderland City Council)</i>	A look at the pilot of a women’s health hub in Pallion including how awareness is raised in relation to women’s health e.g. menopause.
Primary Care Access <i>(Sunderland ICB)</i>	A further report on how patients access services, how effective access is and the variance that exists across practices in accessing GP services.
Migrant Health <i>(Sunderland ICB)</i>	With increases in BME population across Sunderland, mainly through university students and NHS Staff, committee to understand how health services are equitable.
General update on NHS Foundation Trust <i>(South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS FT)</i>	The Foundation Trust’s Chief Executive to provide an update to the Committee on the performance of the Trust in Sunderland including any important developments for Members information.
Lung Health Check Service <i>(South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS FT)</i>	A look at the lung health service from the Foundation Trust including its aims, objectives and current progress.
Nutrition and Hydration in Hospital <i>(South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS FT)</i>	A look at the work of the Nutrition and Hydration Team in the Foundation Trust and the work being undertaken with nursing staff around this issue.
Sunderland Safeguarding Adults	To receive the annual report from Sunderland

Board Annual Report ( <i>Sunderland City Council</i> )	Safeguarding Adults Board.
Substantial Variations to Health Services	Substantial variations to health services will be presented to the Committee as such issues emerge.
North East Ambulance Service – Update ( <i>NEAS</i> )	An update from NEAS on overall performance of the service in North East and in particular Sunderland.
Age Friendly City ( <i>Sunderland City Council</i> )	To look at how dementia friendly the city is and the work being done to improve this issue.
Rise in Diabetes in Children ( <i>Sunderland ICB</i> )	A look at the evidence around the rise in diabetes types 1 and 2 in children and the work being undertaken around this issue.
Water Quality	The Committee continues to look at the impacts of water quality on public health and will look to a further presentation from Northumbrian Water.
<b>Potential Task and Finish Work Topics</b>	
Integrated Services ( <i>Sunderland City Council</i> )	To continue the Committee's look at how to effectively integrate health, care, public health and housing services to provide a more holistic approach which focuses on the effective working at the neighbourhood level. This would include exploring discharge and admission prevention from hospitals that supports people with medical conditions.
Supporting Carers	What is it like to be a carer in the city and what are the challenges and barriers to providing a caring role. Also, what support is available for carers in the City and how can this be improved upon.

- 3.3 A draft Scrutiny Work Programme for 2023/24 is attached as **Appendix 1**, which following discussions with the Committee and officers will see the work programme populated further.
- 3.4 It should be noted that the work programme is a 'living' document and can be amended throughout the course of the municipal year. Any Elected Member can add an item of business to an agenda for consideration (Protocol 1 within the Overview and Scrutiny Handbook outlines this process).

- 3.5 It should also be noted that in terms of task and finish working the Committee will continue its work around integrated services that commenced in the previous municipal year. The working group will consist of 5 or 6 members of the Committee and will meet outside of the regular committee meetings.
- 3.6 The scoping paper for the working group is attached at **Appendix 2** of this report for information.

#### **4. Recommendations**

- 4.1 That the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee consider the range of topics and issues in the development of the work programme for 2023/24, including task and finish topics, and incorporates emerging issues as and when they arise throughout the forthcoming year.
- 4.2 That the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee nominates members for the task and finish working group looking at integrated care.

#### **5. Background Papers**

- 5.1 Scrutiny Agendas and Minutes

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