

ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME 2021/22**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 2021/22.

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 22 June 2021.

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 2021/22. 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.

Regular Work Programme Items	
Covid-19 Recovery	As we move out of restrictions the update will look to provide information on the recovery from the pandemic and how various services are responding.
Managing the Market (Quarterly)	To provide information relating to the care and support provider market in Sunderland, including the on-going work undertaken by the Commissioning Team in developing a diverse care and support market, and an update on quality and adult safeguarding matters.
Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee Work Programme (Monthly)	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 (Monthly)	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.
Single Item (Items to be scheduled when dates known)	
Winter Planning (Sunderland CCG)	A look at the preparation being taken in terms of the winter demand pressures.
ICS – CCG Transition (Sunderland CCG)	To understand how the transition planning for the move from the current CCG arrangements to an ICS (Integrated Care System) as part of Government reforms to the NHS.
Urgent Care Update (Sunderland CCG)	To receive an update on the performance of the Urgent Care system and give consideration to Member queries.

Patient Engagement (Sunderland CCG)	A look at the work that has been done by the All Together Better Alliance into patient engagement.
Adult Mental Health Provision (Sunderland CCG)	To look at the progress on the Adult Mental Health Strategy for the City and the impact of the pandemic on the Strategy.
Inequalities – Impact of the Pandemic (Public Health)	A continued look at the work being conducted in Sunderland to address health inequalities and the impact the pandemic has had on this issue.
Health Protection Arrangements (Public Health)	A look at local health protection arrangements in light of the abolition of Public Health England and the lessons learned from the Covid-19 Pandemic.
Sexual Health Services (Public Health & NHS FT)	To consider the sexual health provision across Sunderland and the current issues and impact of the pandemic. To include consideration of the provision provided by South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS FT.
Waiting lists, times and access – Recovery from the Pandemic (NHS FT)	A look at the state of NHS service waiting lists and how these lists and patient expectations are being managed as a result of the pandemic.
Better at Health at Work (Public Health)	A look at the work of the Better Health at Work Team and the drive for wellbeing in the workplace.
Assistive Technology (Sunderland City Council)	A look at the developments in assistive technology and telecare across Sunderland, and the impacts.
Sunderland Safeguarding Adults Board and Sunderland Care and Support Annual Reports (Sunderland City Council)	To receive the annual reports from both SSAB and Sunderland Care and Support at the appropriate juncture.
Substantial Variations to Health Services	Substantial variations to health services will be presented to the Committee as such issues emerge.
Potential Task and Finish or Review Work Topics	
Accessibility across the city	A potential piece of work to look at accessibility

	across the city for local residents including how accessible the city is for people with disabilities e.g. wheelchair users, blind.
Impact of Decent Homes Standard	A possible review to look at the importance of housing on people's health and how the pandemic has highlighted the health implications of better housing.
GP Access	To look at the impacts of social restrictions on GP access and the use of digital/phone appointments and social prescribing.

- 3.3 A draft Scrutiny Work Programme for 2021/22 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 in-depth policy reviews there will only be the capacity to look at one topic during the year and it may be that Members look to receive one-off reports on the other issues and possibly re-visit these issues in more detail during a future work programme.

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 2020/21, including a policy review topic, and incorporates emerging issues as and when they arise throughout the forthcoming year.

5. Background Papers

- 5.1 Scrutiny Agendas and Minutes

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