

**ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME 2022/23****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 2022/23.

**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 13 June 2022.

**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 2022/23. 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 (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.
<b>Single Item (Items to be scheduled when dates known)</b>	
Director of Public Health Annual Report (Sunderland City Council)	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.
ICS/ICB Plan (ICS)	Continue to monitor how placed based arrangements will operate in Sunderland and also how the ICS/ICB will look at accountability in terms of interaction with scrutiny in Sunderland. Also to include ATB's role in ICB - Where will the work of ATB sit in the ICB and look at an update on winter (surge) plans including who will be responsible for development and implementation.
Elective Surgery (NHS Foundation Trust)	Progress on the recovery of elective surgery including waiting times, patient numbers and staffing pressures.
Social Care Health Check (Sunderland City Council)	A look at where social care in Sunderland is in terms of wider health landscape. An opportunity to look at the implications of changing and new legislation in terms of social care and integration and what this means for Sunderland.

Health Protection Arrangements ( <i>Public Health</i> )	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.
Dental Services Update ( <i>NHS Improvement</i> )	An update on the current situation in relation to dental services in Sunderland including access to NHS dentists.
New Health Legislation ( <i>Sunderland City Council</i> )	To provide details on emerging health legislation including the implications for Health Scrutiny.
Sunderland Safeguarding Adults Board and Sunderland Care and Support Annual Reports ( <i>Sunderland City Council</i> )	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.
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. Also to look at assurances over recent allegations made against NEAS subject to any pending investigations.
<b>Potential Task and Finish Work Topics</b>	
Alcohol Strategy ( <i>Sunderland City Council</i> )	Opportunity to look at the development of the strategy and ensure it has the right focus and how impact of the strategy will be monitored and measured.
Social Care Assurance Framework ( <i>Sunderland City Council</i> )	To look at the development and provision of an assurance framework around social care for scrutiny including the experiences of social care staff and market sustainability.
Adult Mental Health Strategy ( <i>Sunderland CCG &amp; CNTW</i> )	To look at the progress on the Adult Mental Health Strategy for the City and look to include input from service providers. Potential to look at this from a neighbourhood perspective and how services are accessed.

GP and Primary Care Accessibility (ICS/ICB)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To understand the role of primary care- raising awareness of the new roles and multidisciplinary teams that now make up General Practice (the different roles and what each does) which can offer alternative appropriate appointments for patients to a GP appointment</li> <li>• Access to GP appointments- Face to face / Telephone/ Virtual</li> <li>• Out of Hours provision- to include GP Extended Access and out of hours GP service</li> <li>• Patient experience of using GP and Primary care services</li> </ul>
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- 3.3 A draft Scrutiny Work Programme for 2022/23 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 we will look to run groups successively to manage member and officer capacity and ensure that each working group is completed prior to starting any further groups.

#### 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 2022/23, including task and finish topics, 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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