

ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME 2020/21

**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 2020/21.

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). In accordance with the review of the scrutiny function there will be an increasing emphasis on accountability and performance management in the composition of the work programme for the year ahead.

- 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 Sunderland Strategy, Joint Sunderland Needs Assessment and the Corporate Plan, reflect issues highlighted following external assessments and issues raised during the Health and Wellbeing development session held on 3 August 2020.

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 that 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 2020/21. 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 Updates (Monthly)	Multi-agency updates on the impact and response to Covid-19. This will also, as progress is made, concentrate on themed updates on care homes, local lockdown plan, hospital pressures, impact on GP's and preparations for winter.
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)	
Flu Immunisation Programme (Public Health)	To provide information on the immunisation programme for Sunderland and the impact of Covid-19 on the programme as a whole.

Local Lockdown Plans (<i>Public Health</i>)	To look at the public health plans for any potential local lockdown as a result of any potential spike in Covid-19 cases.
Winter Preparedness (<i>Social Care, Public Health, CCG</i>)	A look at the measures being taken to ensure a number of sectors across the city are prepared for the winter and any potential coronavirus second wave.
Ophthalmology (<i>Sunderland CCG</i>)	To look at current service provision, is it fit for purpose and what is the future for this service.
North East Ambulance Service (<i>NEAS</i>)	An annual update on the work and performance of the North East Ambulance Service in the region and Sunderland, including the impact of Covid-19 on the service.
Mental Health Strategy (<i>Sunderland CCG</i>)	Sunderland CCG to share developments on the MH Strategy.
NHS Foundation Trust Merger (<i>South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS FT</i>)	An update on the merger of the two trusts, what progress has been made and what the future holds.
Engaging with the public (<i>City Council/Sunderland CCG</i>)	To look at the work being undertaken to engage local communities and the public with health services.
All Together Better Alliance (<i>Sunderland CCG</i>)	A further update on the progress and role of the All Together Better Alliance within Sunderland.
Phase 1 – Path to Excellence Update	Feedback on implemented services changes from Phase 1 of the Path to Excellence Programme.
Integrated Care Systems/Partnerships (<i>Sunderland CCG</i>)	An overview and update on progress of the integrated care system/partnership for the North East.
Substantial Variations to Health Services	Substantial variations to health services will be presented to the Committee as such issues emerge.

Potential Issues for In-depth Review	
Smoking during pregnancy	A look at the key issues, what is currently on offer, what works well and what does not, viewpoint from a number of key stakeholders.

- 3.3 A draft Scrutiny Work Programme for 2020/21 is attached as **Appendix 1**, which incorporates, where relevant the items above.
- 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 and agrees the draft work programme for 2020/21 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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