

ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME 2023/24**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 2023/24.

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 6 June 2023.

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 2023/24. 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	
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.
Single Item (Items to be scheduled when dates known)	
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.
Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment Update <i>(Sunderland City Council)</i>	To provide an update on the current situation in relation to pharmacies across Sunderland including accessibility and developments around guidance.
Suicide Prevention <i>(Sunderland City Council)</i>	Update on progress in relation to the Suicide Prevention Action Plan. Look to consider alongside MH Strategy Update from ICB.
Children and Young People's MH Services <i>(Sunderland ICB/CNTW)</i>	A look at waiting times across the service including in relation to access to neurodevelopmental services.
Winter Planning <i>(ATB/ICB)</i>	An overview of the plans and preparations being made for the coming winter period.
Elective & Diagnostic Backlogs <i>(NHS Foundation Trust)</i>	Progress on the recovery of elective surgery and diagnostic services including waiting times,

	patient numbers and staffing pressures.
NHS Foundation Trust CQC Inspection Action Plan (NHS Foundation Trust)	Following the recent CQC inspection and update on the work being done to address the key areas for improvement within the CQC inspection report.
Recruitment in the NHS (NHS Foundation Trust)	A look at the work being done with Sunderland College in relation to recruitment for the Foundation Trust.
Dental Services Update (NHS Improvement)	An update on the current situation in relation to dental services in Sunderland including access to NHS dentists.
New Health Legislation (Sunderland City Council)	To provide details on emerging health legislation including the implications for Health Scrutiny.
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.
North East Ambulance Service – Update (NEAS)	An update from NEAS on overall performance of the service in North East and in particular Sunderland.
Alcohol Strategy (Sunderland City Council)	An update to map the progress and any changes that have taken place as a result of the Alcohol Strategy.
Oral Health Improvement (Sunderland City Council)	A look at the development of a new strategy in terms of oral health improvement for the City.
Potential Task and Finish Work Topics	
Teenage Pregnancy (Sunderland City Council)	Reducing teenage pregnancy rates has been a relative success in Sunderland over recent years, however rates are rising again. There is the opportunity for a working group to look more in-depth at this issue to understand the reasons and if the strategy needs to be updated to reflect any issues identified.

Integrated Services (<i>Sunderland City Council</i>)	To 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.
Gambling Impacts	Following publication of the Director of Public Health's Annual Report there is an opportunity to further investigate gambling related harms in City and what work is being undertaken to support those most susceptible.
Trauma Informed City	To explore and understand what a Trauma Informed City is, the benefits to residents, communities and organisations.
Living Independently in Sunderland	To look at current how we support people to live independently in Sunderland. How do we move from a position of dependence on residential care and increase options for living independently.

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 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 2023/24, 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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