

TITLE OF REPORT: Review of Annual Work Programme

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Summary

The report updates and seeks the Overview and Scrutiny Committee's views on the current position with regard to the annual work programme.

Background

1. At its meeting on 19 April 2016, the Care, Health & Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee agreed its work programme based on the Council's policy framework. This work programme was then agreed by the Council as part of the policy planning process.
2. In line with the process agreed by all OSCs this OSC selected its review topic and case studies using a process designed to help make linkages between potential topics and the Council's policy framework.

Proposals

OSC Review Topics for 2017/18

3. In advance of the OSC agreeing its review topic for 2017-18, members of the OSC were invited to identify any issues which may potentially be appropriate for a detailed review by 14 December 2016. It is proposed that those issues put forward by members are added to the list of potential review topics for consideration by the OSC at the start of the municipal year, unless the issue is already being, or would more appropriately be, dealt with through other processes within the Council. Members will be notified if this is the case and advised as to how their issue is being dealt with.

Monitoring of OSC Reviews

4. All of the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee's have received feedback on the outcomes of the specific reviews undertaken by them during 2015-16. This Committee has received a monitoring report on the outcomes generated by its Review of GP Access on 13 September 2016 and will receive a further monitoring report on 25 April 2017.

Case Studies

5. Case studies have been included within OSC work programmes to provide an additional means of examining specific issues of concern/carrying out more detailed work on a particular topic/measure the impact of a particular OSC's review recommendations over a specific period of time.
6. The case study for 2016/17 is :-
 - **Delayed Transfers of Care** (Linked to Evaluation of new Model for Adult Social Care) – 7 March 2017 meeting
7. Each OSC has identified specific issues to be considered through the case study method and it was agreed that in view of the timing of case studies within the 2015-16 work programmes that feedback on their effectiveness be sought during its work programme review in 2016/17.
8. During 2015/16 the OSC considered the following case study :-
 - **Multi – Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) Case Study and Progress Update – 19 January 2016 meeting**

The OSC focused on:-

- The work the Council was taking forward in collaboration with partners to support and protect vulnerable adults in the borough.
- A specific example of the work carried out by agencies involved in the MASH and its outcomes.
- the number of referrals made to the MASH and it was noted that since April 2015 there had been 333 referrals overall which had comprised of approximately 30 to 40 referrals per calendar month.

Having examined the issues the OSC : Agreed to receive further updates on the work of the MASH as part of the Adult Social Care performance reports.

Recommendations

9. The Committee is asked to
 - (i) Note that any issues identified by members of the OSC as potential review topics by 14 December 2016 have been included in the list of review topics to be considered by the OSC at the start of the municipal year unless such issues are being or would more appropriately be dealt with via other Council processes.
 - (ii) Give its views on the review monitoring process carried out so far.
 - (iii) Give its views on the effectiveness of the case studies carried out in 2015/16.