



## HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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**Subject Heading:**

Committee's Work Programme 2011/12

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**Policy context:**

To agree the Committee's work  
programme for the 2011/12 municipal  
year.

### SUMMARY

At this stage of the municipal year, the Committee needs, so far as is practicable, to agree its work programme for the forthcoming year. This applies to both the work plan of the Committee as a whole and to the subject of any topic group run under the Committee's auspices.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Committee agree its work programme for the 2011/12 municipal year.

### REPORT DETAIL

Shown in the schedule at the end of the report is a draft work programme for the Committee's five meetings during the municipal year (this does not include the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting held in January to consider the Council's budget). This has been drawn up by officers following initial discussions with the Chairman.

It is suggested that the Committee allocate time during the year for senior representatives of each of the local Health Trusts or other relevant bodies to brief the Committee on current issues and progress. The programme in the schedule therefore includes these briefing sessions as well as specific issues that are known at this stage.

Members will note that a significant proportion of the work plan has been left blank at this stage. This is to reflect the fact that Members may wish to select further issues for scrutiny in light of the briefings they are given by health sector officers during the year. In addition, previous experience has shown that is beneficial to leave some excess capacity in order to allow the Committee to respond fully to any consultations or other urgent issues that may arise during the year.

Additionally, the Committee may wish to select an issue for more in depth scrutiny as part of a topic group review. Council has recommended that, in view of limited resources, only one such topic group is run at any one time. The Committee is therefore requested to consider what should be the subject of its next topic group review, if any.

It should be noted that the Committee has in the past made extensive use of its powers to request written information from the Health Trusts on any subjects within its remit. This power can be used by the Committee at any time and is not therefore considered within this report.

## **IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS**

### **Financial implications and risks:**

None – it is anticipated that the work of the Committee can be supported by existing staff resources and minor budgets within democratic services.

### **Legal implications and risks:**

The Committee's scrutiny powers are as given in the NHS Act 2006, s. 244.

### **Human Resources implications and risks:**

None.

### **Equalities implications and risks:**

None although one outcome of effective health scrutiny will be to reduce health inequalities for Havering residents.

**BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None.

SCHEDULE: PROPOSED HEALTH OSC WORK PROGRAMME 2011/12

<b><u>Meeting Date</u></b>	<b><u>16/06/11</u></b>	<b><u>13/10/11</u></b>	<b><u>07/12/11</u></b>	<b><u>28/02/12</u></b>	<b><u>10/05/11</u></b>
	LAS Presentation	BHRUT (A&E and maternity)	GP consortia	NELFT	
	Work programme report				Annual Report
	JOSC nominations				
	NHS ONEL Borough Director				