



HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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AGENDA ITEM

Subject Heading:

Committee's Work Programme 2013/14

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Policy context:

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To agree the Committee's work
programme for the 2013/14 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.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee agree its work programme for the 2013/14 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 and Vice-Chairman.

It is suggested that the Committee allocate time during the year for senior representatives of each of the local Health Trusts and Clinical Commissioning Group 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. Given particular concerns Members have raised around aspects of the work undertaken by Barking, Havering and Redbridge University Hospitals' NHS Trust (BHRUT) and the Havering Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) it is suggested that representatives of these two organisations be given an agenda item at alternate meetings of the Committee throughout the year. It is also suggested that Healthwatch Havering be asked on a six-monthly basis to present to the Committee on their current work and any issues of concern.

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. A topic group meeting on patient discharge is scheduled for 10 September and a similar meeting regarding the BHRUT complaints system is in the process of being arranged.

It should be noted that the Committee has in the past made considerable use of its powers to request written information from the Health Trusts on any subjects within its remit. These powers can be used by the Committee at any time and are 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 Health and Social Care Act 2011.

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 2013/14

<u>Meeting Date</u>	<u>25/06/13</u>	<u>2/10/13</u>	<u>12/12/13</u>	<u>6/02/14</u>	<u>20/03/14</u>
	BHRUT Update	CCG Update	BHRUT Update	CCG Update	BHRUT Update
	Work programme report	St. George's Hospital	Healthwatch		Healthwatch
	JOSC nominations	Community Services (NELCS)	Mental Health Services (NELFT)		
	Health and Wellbeing Board minutes (for information)	Stroke Nurse			
	Management of complaints diagram				

Other dates to note:

10 September 2013 – Patient Discharge Topic Group