



Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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REPORT

Subject Heading:

Committee's Work Programme 2013/14

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Policy context:

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

Financial summary:

The work of the Joint Health Overview
and Scrutiny Committee will be covered
by the previously agreed charging scheme
between the boroughs.

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 for the Committee as a whole and to the subject of any panel or topic group run under the Committee's auspices.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Committee agree its work programme for the 2013/14 municipal year.

REPORT DETAIL

Shown in appendix 1 is a draft work programme for the Committee's meetings during the municipal year. This has been drawn up by officers following initial discussions with the Committee.

Members may wish to add further work items arising from the issues discussed at the first (July) meeting of the Joint Committee in 2013/14 for example further updates from the local Hospital Trusts.

Members will note that a significant proportion of the workplan has been left blank at this stage. This is to reflect the fact that Members may well wish to select further issues for scrutiny in light of the briefings they are given by Health Trust officers during the year. In addition, previous experience has shown that it is beneficial to leave some excess capacity for scrutiny 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 has the power to select an issue for more in depth scrutiny as part of a scrutiny panel or topic group review. It is 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 at this stage, again with the support of officers, if it wishes to undertake a topic group review and what its subject should be.

It should be noted that the Committee also has the power to request written information from local Health Trusts on any subjects within its remit. This power can continue to 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 will continue to be funded via the existing charging scheme between the Councils.

Legal implications and risks:

None.

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 Outer North East London residents.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.

Appendix 1: Draft Work Programme for Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

2/07/2013 Barking & Dagenham	8/10/2013 Havering	7/01/2014 Redbridge	8/04/2014 Waltham Forest
Maternity services	Urological cancer services update	NHS Emergency Planning	
NHS 111	A&E services		
Work programme report	Immunisations programme		
Amendments to JHOSC Terms of Reference			