



Health Select Committee 15th July 2010

Report from the Director of Policy & Regeneration

For Action

Wards Affected:
ALL

Health Select Committee Work Programme

1.0 Summary

- 1.1 This report sets out a long list of items for inclusion in the Health Select Committee work programme in 2010/11.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Health Select Committee decide which items they would like to include in their work programme for 2010/11.

3.0 Detail

- 3.1 A well planned work programme is a critical component of a successful overview and scrutiny function. A programme of carefully selected topics can help engage the public, connect with the council's priorities, community concerns, and has the potential to add value to the work of the council. It is therefore important that the Health Select Committee's work programme is developed and agreed by its members.
- 3.2 The committee can scrutinise different subject areas in different ways depending on the subject size and the depth of investigation required. This can be done by in depth task groups, issue specific meetings, or short discrete agenda items.
- 3.3 It is possible that the committee will have more subject areas that it would like to consider than time and resources available. To help prioritise the committee should consider the following criteria:

- Whether overview and scrutiny investigation will lead to an effective outcome / impact
- The degree of fit with corporate or community strategy priorities
- Public concern
- Stakeholder or partner concern
- Scope for efficiency gains
- Whether it duplicates other work?
- Time and resources

3.4 To help the committee put together its work programme for 2010/11 a number of suggestions are set out in appendix A. Some of the items follow up on previous work or are requests made by the committee during the last municipal year. Others are items new to the committee that are likely to become issues for the council during the next 12 months. NHS Brent has also provided a number of items that it thinks the committee are likely to want to consider this year.

3.8 The Health Select Committee should spend time at the meeting on 15th July discussing the items listed in appendix A, and deciding which to include in the work programme and which to disregard. It is important to acknowledge there isn't the time or resources to consider all issues of concern and as a result issues have to be prioritised. Members also need to keep some space in the work programme because issues will inevitably arise during the course of the year that will require scrutiny by the Health Select Committee.

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