

 Brent	Full Council 16 September 2019
	Report from the Assistant Chief Executive
Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee: Chair's Report	

Wards Affected:	All
Key or Non-Key Decision:	Non-Key Decision
Open or Part/Fully Exempt:	Open
No. of Appendices:	Two: Appendix 1: Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2019-20 Appendix 2: North West London Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Background Papers:	None
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1.0 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To inform Council about the updated 2019/2020 work programme for the Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee, the outcomes of meetings and other activities undertaken by the scrutiny committee since the last Council meeting on 8 July.

2.0 Recommendation

- 2.1 To discuss the report, in particular the committee's work programme and North West London Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee work

plan.

3.0 Detail

- 3.1 The scrutiny committee's work programme sets out which Key Decisions of the Cabinet, and the policy areas that the committee will review and scrutinise during the municipal year along with the task groups set up as in-depth reviews. A scrutiny committee's work plan may change during the municipal year as new issues arise and items are added. As set out in Appendix 1, there have been some changes to the scrutiny committee's work plan since Council on 8 July.
- 3.2 The work plan also set out the policy areas and decision-making of external partner organisations to be scrutinised by the committee. As part of its remit set out in the constitution, the Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee can scrutinise, and make recommendations, to NHS organisations and can review the provision and operation of health services in the borough, and make recommendations. In accordance with this remit, on 9 July the scrutiny committee discussed reports presented by Brent Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) about a new strategy for Palliative and End of Life Care, which is being considered after the temporary closure of new inpatient admissions at the Pembridge Hospice run by the Central London Community Healthcare Trust. The committee also reviewed the CCG's proposals to decommission services at the Urgent Care Centre at Central Middlesex Hospital from 12midnight to 8am.
- 3.3 In addition, on 4 September the committee discussed a report presented by Barnet Clinical Commissioning Group and Brent Clinical Commissioning Group about the future of Cricklewood Walk-In Centre and the GP practice which are based at Cricklewood Health Centre in the London Borough of Barnet. This issue and concerns expressed by Brent residents about the proposals were raised at the last Council on 8 July by a non-executive member.
- 3.4 In terms of reviewing Key Decisions by the local authority's Cabinet, the committee meeting on 9 July discussed a report presented by the Lead Member for Public Health, Culture and Leisure on the Substance Misuse: Treatment, Recovery and Wellbeing Service which was recommissioned with a new contract starting on 1 April 2018. This was presented by the Cabinet member, and also included a presentation by the B3 Users' Group. The new provider Westminster Drugs Project (WDP) with Central North West London (CNWL) also attended the meeting. On 4 September the committee reviewed homecare commissioning in advance of the final decision being taken by the Cabinet.
- 3.5 The committee has also formally established a members' task group to review childhood obesity. The childhood obesity task group has completed all of its evidence sessions which were held on July 16, July 23, and September 3. A special open session has also been arranged for parents to attend on 10 September at which they will give their views about the key issues. In

addition, Cllr Sheth gave a presentation to Brent Youth Parliament (BYP) on 27 July about the work and findings so far of the task group and the discussion and responses from BYP members at the meeting have helped inform the task group's work.

- 3.6 The Council has also established the North West London Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Councillor Ketan Sheth is Brent Council's representative. The work plan for this joint health scrutiny committee is in Appendix 2. Council should note that the September meeting has now been moved to October. In addition, there was an additional meeting of the JHOSC on 22 July to discuss the proposals by the North West London Collaboration to create a single Clinical Commissioning Group for North West London. This meeting was attended by Mark Easton, Accountable Officer, and Dr MC Patel, Chair and Co-Clinical Director of Brent Clinical Commissioning Group. Since the joint scrutiny committee meeting in July the Collaboration of CCGs has now confirmed that the original proposal to implement commissioning reform by April 2020 has been delayed until April 2021. As a result, discussion of this item has been re-allocated on the work plan for the Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee from September to later in the 2019/2020 municipal year.

4.0 Financial Implications

- 4.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

5.0 Legal Implications

- 5.1 There are no legal implications arising from this report.

6.0 Equality Implications

- 6.1 There are no equality implications.

7.0 Consultation with Ward Members and Stakeholders

- 7.1 Non-executive members are involved in the committee and task groups.

Report sign off:

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