



Health Select Committee 9th July 2008

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 options for the Health Select Committee work programme for 2008/9

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 That Members of the Committee agree a work programme for 2008/09.

3.0 Detail

- 3.1 A well planned work programme is a critical component of a successful overview & 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 choose to scrutinise different subject areas in different ways depending on the subject size and the depth of investigation required. This can be done 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 priorities the committee should consider the following criteria:
- Whether the subject can lead to effective outcomes / impact

- The degree of fit with corporate or community strategy priorities
- Public concern
- Stakeholder or partner concern
- Scope for efficiency gains
- Is there any duplication with other work?
- Time & resources

3.4 To assist the development of a work programme for 2008/9 a number of suggestions are set out in appendix 1. The items at appendix 1 have been gathered from a variety of sources, including:

- The 2007/08 work programme and requests made by the committee during the last municipal year.
- Discussion at the Health Select Committee on 4th June 2008, where members suggested items for the work programme.
- Council officers
- PCT Chief Executive

3.5 It has been suggested that the Committee tries to meet away from the Town Hall this year. Plans are being made to hold the Committee meeting in October 2008 at Northwick Park hospital, when the Committee will consider the review of maternity services at the hospital. Other ideas for meetings outside of the Town Hall will be explored during the year.

4.0 Financial Implications

4.1 None

5.0 Legal Implications

5.1 None

6.0 Diversity Implications

6.1 None

7.0 Staffing/Accommodation Implications (if appropriate)

7.1 None

Background Papers

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