



**Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny
Committee**
5 July 2022

**Report from the Assistant Chief
Executive**

**Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee Work
Programme 2022-2023**

Wards Affected:	All
Key or Non-Key Decision:	Non-key
Open or Part/Fully Exempt: (If exempt, please highlight relevant paragraph of Part 1, Schedule 12A of 1972 Local Government Act)	Open
No. of Appendices:	Appendix 1 - Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2022-23
Background Papers:	None
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1.0 Purpose of the Report

1.1 This report updates members on the committee's work programme for 2022/23.

2.0 Recommendation(s)

2.1 The committee to discuss and note the contents of the report and work plan in Appendix 1.

3.0 Detail

3.1 The work programme outlines the policy areas and decisions that will be reviewed by the Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee during the municipal year according to its remit set out in the committee's terms of reference: Adult Social Care; statutory safeguarding boards; Children's Services; Cultural Services; education; housing; Public Health and external

NHS organisations. Reports taken to the committee are based on Cabinet decisions, annual safeguarding board reports, strategy, and policy development.

- 3.2 To ensure effective scrutiny members of the committee prioritised items for inclusion in the work programme based on a set of criteria. This helped to ensure items included in committee reports were either a strategic priority as set out in the Borough Plan 2019-23; of concern for a significant number of the borough's residents; a significant cabinet decision or form part of a forthcoming policy review or new strategy being developed by the Cabinet. This methodology of prioritisation is considered best practice by the Centre for Governance and Scrutiny (CfGS) and is an effective tool for a scrutiny committee to develop a coherent work plan for the year.¹
- 3.3 The committee's work programme for the 2022/23 municipal year is detailed in Appendix 1. It also states details of a scrutiny task group on social prescribing which will be conducted as in-depth reviews into the topic. A scoping paper on the topic will be brought as a report to the 21 September Committee meeting.
- 3.4 There is scope for the scrutiny committee's work plan to change during the municipal year with capacity and flexibility to review emerging issues when they arise and as the Cabinet's Forward Plan is developed during the year. It is intended that the work programme is a living document that will evolve according to the committee's needs. It may also be necessary at times to move items to a particular committee date for practical reasons, in these cases the work programme will be updated accordingly.
- 3.5 As set out in the constitution, part of the Community and Wellbeing's Scrutiny Committee's remit is that it can scrutinise and make recommendations to NHS organisations. Its role is to review the provision and operation of health services in Brent and can make reports or recommendations to NHS bodies or Full Council. Areas related to external scrutiny of the NHS are set out in the work programme in Appendix 1.

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 arising from this report.

7.0 Consultation with Ward Members and Stakeholders

¹ *The Good Scrutiny Guide* (Centre for Public Scrutiny, June 2019), p26

7.1 Ward members who are committee members will review this report.

8.0 Human Resources/Property Implications (if appropriate)

8.1 There are no human resources or property implications arising from this report.

Report sign off:

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