



Health Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee 14th October 2010

Report from the Director of Policy & Regeneration

For Action

Wards Affected:
ALL

Health Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme

1.0 Summary

- 1.1 This report sets out a list of options for the Health Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee work programme. This list includes issues raised by members at the Health Select Committee on 15th July 2010, the results of a survey of all members undertaken in June 2010 and the results of the One Community, Many Voices consultation event on 28th September 2010.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 That Members discuss and agree a work programme for the Health Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee 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 this 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. Following the implementation of the Health and Social Care Act 2001 and National Health Service Act 2006 the Health Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee has the power to scrutinise the local NHS, ask for information from them on their services and require the attendance of officers to answer questions at their meetings. As well as scrutinising local NHS services, the committee's remit also includes health inequalities and scrutiny of health services delivered in partnership.

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 survey of all members was conducted in June 2010. In addition a consultation event One Community, Many Voices was held on 28th September to launch the new overview and scrutiny structure and to seek suggestions from a wide range of people. The list attached at appendix 1 includes the outcomes of these consultations. The committee's work programme, as agreed at the Health Select Committee in July 2010 is included at appendix 2.

3.5 Committee work programming is an on-going process and members are strongly encouraged to suggest items for review as and when they arise. This can either be done at the Health Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee meetings, by contacting the chair of the committee, Councillor Ben Ogunro, or by contacting Andrew Davies, Policy and Performance Officer.

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

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