

Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee

19 July 2017

Report from the Director of Policy, Performance and Partnerships

For information

Wards affected: ALL

Scrutiny Committee's Work Programme 2017-18

1.0 Summary

1.1 This report updates Members on the Committee's Work Programme for 2017/18 and captures scrutiny activity which has taken place outside of its meetings.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 Members of the committee are recommended to:
 - Discuss and note the contents of the report, including proposed topics for discussion at committee and a task group
 - Note any details of members' visits, requests for information and responses, which have been done outside of the committee's 2017/18 work programme, and
 - Agree the Work Programme for 2017/18 as set out in Appendix A.

3.0 Detail

- 3.1 Overview and scrutiny is a member-led process. Its role is to challenge and provide a 'critical friend' to Cabinet and external organisations which falls within its remit. Overview and scrutiny seeks to be independent-minded, drive improvement in public services, effectiveness in public policy, and to provide a voice for articulating the concerns of the borough's residents and communities. The committee sets out to do this in a constructive and fair way with respect for all.
- 3.2 The remit of the committee is set out in Brent Council's constitution. It has responsibility for overview and scrutiny of the local authority's children's services, adult social care, public health, wellbeing and cultural services, as well as external NHS organisations. It should be noted that the responsibility for housing has now been absorbed by the new Housing Scrutiny Committee.

- 3.3 Members of the Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee met last month to discuss their work programme, and examined suggestions from members of the Cabinet and Strategic Directors based on corporate priorities for 2017/18.
- 3.4 Ideas also included suggestions arising from external inspections, performance and budget monitoring information, the Cabinet forward plan, and consultation by the NHS about service changes. There are also a number of statutory items which have to be on the committee's work programme such as reports from the safeguarding boards.
- In developing the 2017/18 work programme, members have chosen to focus on one or two substantive items on the agenda for each committee meeting. As per CfPS guidance on effective scrutiny, members will have a defined outcome in mind and a strong rationale for discussing a topic.
- The committee will set up at least one task group in 2017/18, as set out in the Appendix. A task group is an opportunity for policy development, allowing non-executive members to evaluate a problem or issue in-depth over a long period and develop answers and suggestions in the form or recommendations. Scoping papers, membership and terms of reference for the task group will be agreed by a report and will not be limited to the members of the committee.
- 3.7 For operational reasons it may be necessary to move items to be heard at a particular committee. In addition, members and co-opted members can at any time suggest an item to be looked at by a committee meeting, which provided it is agreed by the chair, would mean the work programme changes. In addition, the committee has left capacity in the work programme to take on new reports if a particular issue arises over the course of the year.
- 3.8 Members are aware that because of the general election in June the last meeting of the 2016/17 municipal year was cancelled. All the items for discussion from that meeting have been moved to the meeting on 19 July.
- 3.9 Ideas and suggestions were judged against key criteria for inclusion in the scrutiny committee's work programme. These include:
 - clear alignment with priorities set out in the Borough Plan and Brent 2020
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 - outcomes and benefits which can be delivered by the intervention of scrutiny
 - is there a major council policy or strategy to be agreed by the Cabinet seeking contribution from scrutiny
 - subject is related to underperformance of a service where the intervention of scrutiny would enable an improvement in performance.
 - the issue being scrutinised can directly be influenced by the actions of the council – i.e. is not a review of national policy over which the council is unlikely to be able to exert any influence.
 - There is clear evidence that the subject is of significant public concern and merits the consideration of scrutiny.
- 3.10 Members may request information during a committee meeting or outside of a committee meeting as part of the scrutiny process. They also may make visits to do first-hand observation in order to better understand an issue for scrutiny.

As visits are done and requests are made over the municipal they will be recorded and logged in the committee's update report and data published.

3.11 CfPS are clear that overview and scrutiny need to engage with members of the public and residents in a local authority area. Brent Connects forums will be used again this year to explain overview and scrutiny's work and enable residents to make suggestions for future meetings of the committee.

4.0 Financial Implications

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

5.0 Legal Implications

There are no legal implications arising from this report.

6.0 Equality Implications

6.1 There are no diversity implications immediately arising from this report.

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APPENDIX A

Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2017-18

Wednesday 19 July 2017

Agenda Rank	Item	Objectives for Scrutiny	Cabinet Member/Member	Attendees
1.	Sustainability and Transformation Plan - Update	Cabinet member to update scrutiny on recommendations made on 20 September 2016	Cllr Krupesh Hirani, Cabinet Member for Community Wellbeing	Cabinet member to update.
2.	Task Group report Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services	To discuss and agree task recommendations made by the task group	Cllr Ahmad Shahzad Cllr Mili Patel, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People	Gail Tolley, Strategic Director, Children and Young People Duncan Ambrose, Assistant Director, CCG
3.	Primary Care Transformation	Review implications of primary care transformation for Brent	Cllr Krupesh Hirani, Cabinet Member for Community Wellbeing	Sheik Auladin, Interim Chief Operating Officer, Brent CCG Sarah McDonnell, Assistant Director for Primary Care, Brent CCG Dr Ethie Kong, Chair Brent CCG
**4.	Children's oral health	Review of work being done to improve children's oral health in Brent.	Cllr Krupesh Hirani, Cabinet Member for Community Wellbeing	Phil Porter, Strategic Director Dr Melanie Smith Director of Public Health Jeremy Wallman/Kelly Nizzer, NHS England. Claire Robertson, Public Health England

^{*}Items involving school education. ** Items which may involve partnership work with schools.

Tuesday 19 September 2017

Agenda	Item	Objectives for Scrutiny	Cabinet Member/Member	Attendees
1.	Brent Safeguarding Adults Board	Receive 2016-17 annual report. Review last year's recommendations by committee	Cllr Krupesh Hirani, Cabinet Member for Community Wellbeing	Michael Preston-Shoot, Chair BASB
**2.	Brent Local Safeguarding Children's Board	Receive 2016-17 annual report. Review last year's recommendations by committee	Cllr Mili Patel, Cabinet Member, Children and Young People	Mike Howard, Independent Chair, BLSCB
3.	FGM in Brent	Review to what extent the local authority and other agencies are addressing the issues resulting from prevalence of FGM. Assess to what extent recommendations of the 2014 scrutiny report 'Tackling Violence Against Women and Girls in Brent' have informed the approach of different agencies	Cllr Mili Patel, Cabinet Member, Children and Young People Cllr Tom Miller, Cabinet Member for Stronger Communities	Brent CCG
4.	Home Care: Commissioning and the Market in Brent	Agree task group scoping paper	Cllr Krupesh Hirani, Cabinet Member for Community Wellbeing	Phil Porter, Strategic Director Community Wellbeing Helen Woodland, Operational Director Social Care

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Wednesday 22 November 2017

Agenda	Item	Details	Cabinet Member/Member	Attendees
1.*	Brent Local Area SEND Inspection	Assess the action plan in place as a result of CQC-Ofsted local area inspection and how improvements will be implemented by the local authority and Brent CCG. Assess progress of recommendations made by committee in March 2017.	Cllr Mili Patel, Cabinet Member, Children and Young People	Gail Tolley, Strategic Director, Children and Young People Sheik Auladin, Interim Chief Operating Officer, Brent CCG
2.**	Local Offer for Care Leavers	Review the effectiveness of existing Local Offer for care leavers and any changes resulting from new policy or legislation.	Cllr Mili Patel, Cabinet Member, Children and Young People	Gail Tolley, Strategic Director, Children and Young People

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Wednesday 31 January 2018

Agenda	Item	Objectives for Scrutiny	Cabinet Member/Member	Attendees
1.	GP Practices in Brent	Review accessibility to GP practices in the borough including opening times, location, appointments and waiting registers. Evaluate to what extent the recommendations of the 2015 scrutiny task group have influenced accessibility.	Cllr Krupesh Hirani, Cabinet Member for Community Wellbeing	Sheik Auladin, Interim Chief Operating Officer, Brent CCG Sarah McDonnell, Assistant Director for Primary Care, Brent CCG Dr Ethie Kong, Chair Brent CCG
2.	PLACE scores	Evaluate why certain PLACE scores for hospitals in the Trust have been below average, what action plan has been put in place and what improvements were made.	Cllr Krupesh Hirani, Cabinet Member for Community Wellbeing	North West London NHS Healthcare Trust

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Wednesday 28 February 2018

Agenda	Item	Objectives for Scrutiny	Cabinet Member/Member	Attendees
1.	Learning Disabilities	Evaluate effectiveness and efficiency of learning disability service joint commissioning and market development. Assess to what extent changes will support independence and independent living.	Cllr Krupesh Hirani, Cabinet Member Community Wellbeing	Phil Porter, Strategic Director, Community Wellbeing Helen Woodland, Operational Director Social Care
2.	TB: Prevalence in Brent	Evaluate how effectively different agencies are working together to address TB. Understand what the challenges are around diagnosis and treatment of new TB cases.	Cllr Krupesh Hirani, Cabinet Member Community Wellbeing	Dr Melanie Smith, Director of Public Health Sheik Auladin, Interim Chief Operating Officer, Brent CCG
3.	Home Care: Commissioning and the Market in Brent	Agree task group report and recommendations	Cllr Krupesh Hirani, Cabinet Member Community Wellbeing	Phil Porter, Strategic Director, Community Wellbeing Helen Woodland, Operational Director Social Care

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Wednesday 28 March 2018

Agenda	Item	Objectives for Scrutiny	Cabinet Member/Member	Attendees
*1.	School Annual Standards and Achievement report	Receive report and review progress with school standards. Evaluate committee's recommendations on school standards made in March 2017.	Cllr Mili Patel, Cabinet Member Children and Young People	Gail Tolley, Strategic Director Children and Young People
*2.	Signs of Safety	Review progress with implementation and reporting back on task group's recommendations agreed February 2017.	Cllr Mili Patel, Cabinet Member Children and Young People	Gail Tolley, Strategic Director Children and Young People

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