

TITLE	Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee Draft Work Programme 2016/17
FOR CONSIDERATION BY	Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 1 June 2016
WARD	None Specific
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OUTCOME / BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY

That the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC) will identify topics for its Work Programme for the 2016/17 municipal year. The Work Programme will help to inform members of the public of items that HOSC are due to consider at forthcoming meetings.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

- 1) considers the report;
- 2) considers the list of suggested topics detailed in the report and decides whether it wishes to take any forward and when. Members should also decide whether there are any additional items which they feel should be programmed and at what point in the municipal year.

SUMMARY OF REPORT

The Committee is asked to consider if and when it wishes to take forward any of the suggested topics for consideration, listed below.

Members should also decide whether there are any additional items which they feel should be programmed and when.

Background

Draft Work Programme 2016/17

The Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee can review and scrutinise any matter relating to the planning, provision and operation of the health service within the Borough. The Committee is scheduled to meet six times in 2016/17. With such a broad remit one of the biggest challenges for the Committee, in deciding its work programme for the new municipal year, will be prioritising items for consideration.

When looking at potential items for its work programme, Members should consider to what extent it will have an impact on residents; whether it is a widespread issue (e.g. affecting more than one ward) and what value the Committee can add by looking at the item. The limited support resources available should also be taken into account.

Suggestions for possible topics that the Committee may wish to consider were previously sought.

Executive Member for Health and Wellbeing:

- **Step Up Step Down Hospital;**
- **Care Homes** – Maintaining standards and recruiting staff;
- **Community Hubs;**
- **Community mental health;**

Healthwatch Wokingham Borough:

- **Carers** - including young carers – in light of Healthwatch Wokingham Borough's recent report which highlighted the lack of awareness many carers had of services available and the Care Act and the loss of Berkshire Carers last month.

Members of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

- **Maternity services** and the Friends and Family Test ratings for maternity service users;
- **Access to GP appointments;**
- **Accessing Mental Health services;**
- **Pandemic planning arrangements;**
- **Adults with learning disabilities who require support with their day to day living and whether they are able to access health services in a timely fashion and engage with the health and social care system**

The Committee should consider whether they wish to take any of these suggestions forward and if so when they should be programmed into the Work Programme. Members should also decide whether there are any additional items which they feel should be programmed and when.

The Work Programme is an evolving document and items can be added or removed should matters of higher priority emerge.

Standing items

The Committee currently receives the following standing items:

- Wokingham NHS CCG Performance Outcomes Report;
- Health Consultations;
- Update from Healthwatch Wokingham Borough;
- Forward Programme.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATION

The Council faces severe financial challenges over the coming years as a result of the austerity measures implemented by the Government and subsequent reductions to public sector funding. It is estimated that Wokingham Borough Council will be required to make budget reductions in excess of £20m over the next three years and all Executive decisions should be made in this context.

	How much will it Cost/ (Save)	Is there sufficient funding – if not quantify the Shortfall	Revenue or Capital?
Current Financial Year (Year 1)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Next Financial Year (Year 2)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Following Financial Year (Year 3)	N/A	N/A	NA/
Other financial information relevant to the Recommendation/Decision			
N/A			

Cross-Council Implications
N/A

Reasons for considering the report in Part 2
N/A

List of Background Papers
N/A

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