



Health and Social Care O&S Committee: Work Programme 2022/23

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1 Introduction

- 1.1 The Health and Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee's remit is to fulfil the functions of an Overview and Scrutiny Committee as they relate to any policies, services and activities concerning adult safeguarding, social care and public health; and to discharge the relevant overview and scrutiny role set out in the National Health Service Act 2006 as amended by the Health and Social Care Act 2012, including: The appointment of Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committees with neighbouring authorities; and the exercise of the power to make referrals of contested service reconfigurations to the Secretary of State as previously delegated to the Health and Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee by the Council.
- 1.2 This report provides details of the scrutiny work programme for 2022/23.

2 Recommendation

- 2.1 That the Committee considers the review of its work programme for 2022/23 attached at Appendix 1, and agree on any item to take forward.

3 Background

- 3.1 *"Scrutiny is based on the principle that someone who makes a decision...should not be the only one to review or challenge it. Overview is founded on the belief that an open, inclusive, member-led approach to policy review...results in better policies in the long run."* (Jessica Crowe, former Executive Director, Centre for Governance and Scrutiny).
- 3.2 Developing an effective work programme is the bedrock of an effective scrutiny function. Done well, it can help lay the foundations for targeted, inclusive and timely work on issues of local



importance, where scrutiny can add value. Done poorly, scrutiny can end up wasting time and resources on issues where the impact of any scrutiny work done is likely to be minimal.

3.3 As a result, the careful selection and prioritisation of work is essential if the scrutiny function is to be successful, add value and retain credibility.

4 Work Programme

4.1 Appendix 1 sets out this work programme for this Committee. This provides information on the aims and objectives, together with lead officers and witnesses, for each item. The attached work programme also includes items reported on at meetings this year and any outstanding items including the tracking of previous recommendations.

5 Joint Working Across Committee Work Programmes 2022/23

5.1 As the work programmes for the Committees have developed a number of cross cutting issues were identified. To avoid duplication Members will be invited to attend different Overview and Scrutiny Committee meetings for relevant reports as set out below:-

Lead Committee	Meeting and Agenda Item	Members to be invited and reason
Education and Children's Social Care O&SC	17th May 2023 Report from Birmingham Safeguarding Children's Partnership (BSCP)	Members of the CYP Mental Health Inquiry from the Health and Adult Care O&SC Information from the BSCP will inform the CYP mental health inquiry.
Commonwealth Games, Culture and Physical Activity O&SC	Meeting: TBC Report on employment and skills Legacy of the Commonwealth Games	Members of the Economy and Skills OSC At the meeting on the 8 th July 2022 Co-ordinating O&SC decided that this issue falls within the remit of the CWG, Culture and Physical Activity OSC, and as it has been identified during the work planning for the Economy and Skills. O&SC as an issue of interest Members of this Committee would be invited to the relevant meeting.



6 Inquiry

- 6.1 Evidence gathering meetings for the inquiry on children and young people's mental health were arranged during March 2023.

7 Other Meetings

- 7.1 The Birmingham Health Scrutiny Committee will meet on Tuesday 18th April 2023 at 10.30am Committee Rooms 3 and 4, Council House, Victoria Square, Birmingham. The date for the next Joint Health Scrutiny Meetings is TBA.

Call in Meetings:

None scheduled

Petitions

None scheduled

Councillor Call for Action requests

None scheduled

The Committee approved Tuesday at 10.00am as a suitable day and time each week for any additional meetings required to consider 'requests for call in' which may be lodged in respect of Executive decisions

8 Forward Plan for Cabinet Decisions

- 8.1 Since the implementation of the Local Government Act and the introduction of the Forward Plan, scrutiny members have found the Plan to be a useful tool in identifying potential agenda items.
- 8.2 The following decisions, extracted from the CMIS Forward Plan of Decisions, are likely to be relevant to the Health and Social Care O&S Committee's remit. The Panel may wish to consider whether any of these issues require further investigation or monitoring via scrutiny. The Forward Plan can be viewed in full via Forward Plans (cmis.uk.com).



9 Legal Implications

9.1 There are no immediate legal implications arising from this report.

10 Financial Implications

10.1 There are no financial implications arising from the recommendations set out in this report.

11 Public Sector Equality Duty

11.1 The Council has a Public Sector Equality Duty under the Equality Act (2010) to have due regard

to the need to:

- eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under the Act;
- advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it;
- foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

11.2 The Committee should ensure that it addresses these duties by considering them during work programme development, the scoping of work, evidence gathering and making recommendations. This should include considering: How policy issues impact on different groups within the community, particularly those that share a relevant protected characteristic; Whether the impact on particular groups is fair and proportionate; Whether there is equality of access to services and fair representation of all groups within Birmingham; Whether any positive opportunities to advance equality of opportunity and/or good relations between people are being realised.



11.3 The Committee should ensure that equalities comments, and any recommendations, are based on evidence. This should include demographic and service level data and evidence of residents/service-users views gathered through consultation.

12 Use of Appendices

12.1 Appendix 1 – Work Programme for 2022/2023