

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

REPORT TO: HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting:	16 September 2009
Report of:	Borough Solicitor
Subject/Title:	Work Programme update

1.0 Report Summary

- 1.1 To consider progress with the items identified for the Committee's Work Programme.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Committee consider items for inclusion in the Work Programme.

3.0 Reasons for Recommendations

- 3.1 It is good practice to agree and review the Work Programme to enable effective management of the Committee's business.

4.0 Wards Affected

- 4.1 All

5.0 Local Ward Members

- 5.1 Not applicable.

6.0 Policy Implications including - Climate change - Health

- 6.1 Not known at this stage.

7.0 Financial Implications for Transition Costs (Authorised by the Borough Treasurer)

- 7.1 None identified at the moment.

8.0 Financial Implications 2009/10 and beyond (Authorised by the Borough Treasurer)

8.1 Not known at this stage.

9.0 Legal Implications (Authorised by the Borough Solicitor)

9.1 None.

10.0 Risk Management

10.1 There are no identifiable risks.

11.0 Background and Options

11.1 At previous meetings of the Committee, Members have considered and identified potential items for the Work Programme:

- North West Ambulance Services/Community First Responders;
- Social Care Redesign;
- Safeguarding Adults;
- Community Support Transport related matters;
- Future Healthcare proposals relating to Knutsford and Congleton;
- Review of previous Scrutiny Reviews.

11.2 Since that meeting progress has been made in relation to a number of items:

- The Committee has received a presentation to this meeting from the North West Ambulance Service;
- The Committee will be receiving progress updates to a future meeting on Social Care Redesign and Adult Safeguarding;
- The Committee agreed at the last meeting on 29 July to establish a Task/Finish Panel to undertake the health scrutiny role in relation to the Primary Care Trust's proposals relating to Knutsford and Congleton.

11.3 At the Mid Point meeting in August Members agreed to consider the Action Plans arising from two of Cheshire County Council's Scrutiny Reviews relating to Tackling Obesity and Tackling Diabetes and determine whether any further action is required. The Action Plans are now attached to this report (Appendix 1)

11.4 When determining items for the Work Programme, matters should be assessed against the following criteria :

- Does the issue fall within a corporate priority
- Is the issue of key interest to the public
- Does the matter relate to a poor or declining performing service for which there is no obvious explanation

- Is there a pattern of budgetary overspends
- Is it a matter raised by external audit management letters and or audit reports.
- Is there a high level of dissatisfaction with the service

If during the assessment process any of the following emerge, then the topic should be rejected:

- The topic is already being addressed elsewhere
- The matter is subjudice
- Scrutiny cannot add value or is unlikely to be able to conclude an investigation within the specified timescale

12.0 Overview of Year One and Term One Issues

12.1 It is good practice to have a Work Programme for the Committee to consider and prioritise on a regular basis.

13.0 Access to Information

The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting the report writer:

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