

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

REPORT TO: HEALTH AND WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: 28 July 2011
Report of: Borough Solicitor
Subject/Title: Work Programme update

1.0 Report Summary

1.1 To review the items listed in the 2011 Work Programme.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 That the current work programme be noted and considered further at an informal meeting to be arranged in August 2011.

3.0 Reasons for Recommendations

3.1 To progress the work programme in accordance with the Council's procedures.

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

7.1 None identified at the moment.

8.0 Legal Implications (Authorised by the Borough Solicitor)

8.1 None.

9.0 Risk Management

9.1 There are no identifiable risks.

10.0 Background and Options

- 10.1 The Committee inherited a work programme from the former Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee. At the last meeting, the Committee agreed that the Chairman and Vice Chairman, together with the Scrutiny Officer, should review the Work Programme; this has now taken place and the attached Work Programme reflects this review (Appendix 1).
- 10.2 At the meeting of the Scrutiny Chairmen's Group on 1 July, Members considered a report on Work Programme Setting Arrangements 2011/12. The timetable was agreed as below:
- July – September 2011 – Overview and Scrutiny Committees consider potential items for the Work Programme;
 - October - Cabinet Briefing considers potential items for Work Programme for 2011/12 and carry out at the same time the Annual Scrutiny Review to look at lessons learned from 2010/11;
 - October - Annual Scrutiny Review outcomes considered by Overview and Scrutiny Chairmen and draft Programme for 2011/12 agreed. This will include identifying clear links with corporate objectives;
 - Autumn - Overview and Scrutiny Committees receive Work Programme and begin planning its delivery.
- 10.3 In order to progress this, it is suggested that the Chairman and Vice Chairman hold 1:1 meetings with the relevant Portfolio Holders at an early stage; details of 1:1 meetings are below:

Briefing arrangements and 1:1 Meetings

The Overview and Scrutiny Team will make arrangements for regular briefing meetings between Cabinet Portfolio Holders and Overview and Scrutiny Chairmen and Vice Chairmen. These meetings are an opportunity for Cabinet Portfolio Holders (usually supported by Directors or Heads of Service) to keep the Overview and Scrutiny Chairmen briefed on developmental issues and items about future decisions.

- 10.4 Once the 1:1 meetings have taken place, an informal meeting of the Scrutiny Committee can take place; this will enable Members to give detailed consideration to the work programme based on any items raised at the 1:1 meetings, items already listed on the work programme and any items raised by members of the Committee. It is intended that relevant officers and Portfolio Holders will also be in attendance. It is proposed that this meeting takes place in August so as to enable the Work Programme to be endorsed at the formal meeting in September for consideration at Cabinet Briefing in October.
- 10.5 There has also been an item proposed by the Children and Families Scrutiny Committee regarding health and Cared for Children, where it was resolved that "discussions be held with the Health and Wellbeing

Scrutiny Committee regarding the joint commissioning of a Task and Finish Review of health and cared for children". This follows consideration of the Scrutiny Review report on Fostering Services; an extract of which is attached as Appendix 2. Councillor Flude, who chaired the Review, will be available at the meeting to give the background and answer any questions.

11.0 Access to Information

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

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