

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

REPORT TO: HEALTH AND WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: 10 November 2011
Report of: Borough Solicitor
Subject/Title: Work Programme update

1.0 Report Summary

- 1.1 To review items in the 2011/12 Work Programme, to consider the effectiveness of existing items listed in the schedule attached, together with any other items suggested by Committee Members.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 That the work programme be reviewed as necessary.

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 In reviewing the work programme, Members must pay close attention to the Corporate Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy “Ambition for All”.
- 10.2 At the meeting on 5 October, the Committee added the following items to the work programme:

- Health and wellbeing of carers and service users - to consider the impact that recently implemented closures have had on the health and wellbeing of carers and service users; together with the likely impact of the proposals currently under consultation;
- Future healthcare provision in the Knutsford area;
- Suicide prevention.

The schedule attached has been updated accordingly. There is also a Task/Finish Group set up by Children and Families Scrutiny Committee on Health and Cared for Children in which this Committee was invited to participate; this Group has now held its first meeting.

- 10.3 In reviewing the work programme, Members must have regard to the general criteria which should be applied to all potential items, including Task and Finish reviews, when considering whether any Scrutiny activity is appropriate. 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

- 10.4 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

11.0 Access to Information

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

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