

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

REPORT TO: HEALTH AND WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting:	6 September 2012
Report of:	Borough Solicitor
Subject/Title:	Work Programme update

1.0 Report Summary

- 1.1 To review items in the 2011/12 Work Programme (attached at Appendix 1), 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 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
- 10.3 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
- 10.4 The Work Programme has been updated following the last meeting and following the 1:1 with the Portfolio Holder, Councillor Clowes.
- 10.5 During the last two meetings, the Committee has been considering undertaking some Scrutiny work on Prostate Cancer services; this is included as a separate item on the agenda.
- 10.6 The Committee has previously agreed to review the recommendations from the Scrutiny Review of Obesity and Diabetes that was completed in 2010; the recommendations of the Scrutiny Panel are attached as Appendix 2.
- 10.7 At previous meetings, the Committee discussed holding a training session on mental health and learning disability; these have been arranged for Tuesday 30 October (mental health) and Friday 16 November (learning disability).

11.0 Access to Information

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

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