

HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
19 MAY 2016
HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE
REPORT OF HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

1. Purpose

- 1.1 To make sure all members of the Health Scrutiny Committee are aware of the terms of reference for the Committee and its implications for the operation of the Committee during the year.

2. Action required

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to note the terms of reference for the Health Scrutiny Committee.

3. Background information

- 3.1 On 9 May 2016 Council agreed the Health Scrutiny Committee terms of reference. The terms of reference are attached at Appendix 1.

4. List of attached information

- 4.1 The following information can be found in the appendices to this report:

Appendix 1 – Health Scrutiny Committee Terms of Reference

5. Background papers, other than published works or those disclosing exempt or confidential information

None

6. Published documents referred to in compiling this report

Report to Full Council meeting held on 9 May 2016

7. Wards affected

All

8. Contact information

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Health Scrutiny Committee Terms of Reference

- a) To set and manage its work programme to fulfil the overview and scrutiny roles and responsibilities for health and social care matters, including, the ability to:
 - (i) hold local decision-makers, including the Council's Executive, to account for their decisions, action and performance;
 - (ii) review policy and contribute to the development of new policies and strategies of the Council and other local decision-makers where they impact on Nottingham residents;
 - (iii) explore any matters affecting Nottingham and/ or its residents;
 - (iv) make reports and recommendations to relevant local agencies in relation to the delivery of their functions, including the Council and its Executive;
- b) To exercise the Council's statutory role in scrutinising health services for Nottingham City in accordance with the National Health Service Act 2006 as amended and associated regulations and guidance.
- c) To engage with and respond to formal and informal consultations from local health service commissioners and providers;
- d) To scrutinise the commissioning and delivery of local health and social care services to ensure reduced health inequalities, access to services and the best outcomes for citizens;
- e) To hold the Health and Wellbeing Board to account for its work to improve the health and wellbeing of the population of Nottingham City and to reduce health inequalities;
- f) To work with, and consider referrals from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, to support effective delivery of a co-ordinated overview and scrutiny work programme;
- g) To respond to referrals from, and make referrals to, Healthwatch Nottingham as appropriate;
- h) In consultation with the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny, to commission time-limited panels (no more than 1 panel at any one time) to carry out a review of a matter within its remit. Commissioning includes setting the remit, initial timescale and size of membership to meet the needs of the review to be carried out. Such review panels will be chaired by the Chair of the Health Scrutiny Committee;
- i) To monitor the effectiveness of its work programme and the impact of outcomes from its scrutiny activity;
- j) To appoint a lead health scrutiny councillor for the purposes of liaising with stakeholders on behalf of the health scrutiny function, including the Health and Wellbeing Board, Healthwatch Nottingham and the Portfolio Holder with responsibility for health and social care issues;

- k) To co-opt people from outside the Council to sit on the Committee or any review panels it commissions to support effective delivery of the work programme.

Membership

The Health Scrutiny Committee comprises 9 members, and is politically balanced.

Quorum

The quorum for a meeting of the Health Scrutiny Committee is three members.

Chairing

The Chair will be a member of the pool of five overview and scrutiny chairs and is appointed by Full Council. The Vice-Chair will be appointed at the first meeting of the Health Scrutiny Committee from the membership of the Committee.