

Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee

16 November 2023

Work Programme

Report of the Statutory Scrutiny Officer

1 Purpose

- 1.1 To consider the Committee's work programme for 2023/24, based on the issues identified by Committee members at previous meetings and any further suggestions arising from this meeting.

2 Action required

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to note the work that is currently planned for the remainder of the 2023/24 municipal year and to make any amendments, as required.

3 Background information

- 3.1 The Committee has been established to:
- hold local decision-makers, including the Council's Executive for matters relating to adult social care and public health and commissioners and providers of local health services, to account for their decisions, actions, performance and management of risk;
 - review existing policies and strategies of the Council and other local decision-makers where they impact on adult social care and/or the health of Nottingham citizens;
 - contribute to the development of new policies and strategies of the Council and other local decision makers where they impact on adult social care and/or the health of Nottingham citizens;
 - explore any matters relating to adult social care and/or health affecting Nottingham and/or its citizens;
 - make reports and recommendations to relevant local agencies with respect to the delivery of their functions, including the Council and its Executive and commissioners and providers of local health services;
 - exercise the Council's statutory role in scrutinising health services for Nottingham City, in accordance with the NHS Act 2006 (as amended) and associated regulations and guidance;
 - be part of the accountability of the whole health system and engage with commissioners and providers of health services and other relevant partners, such as the Care Quality Commission and Healthwatch; and
 - review decisions made but not yet implemented by the Council's Executive in accordance with the Call-In Procedure.

3.2 As well as the broad powers held by all of the Council's Overview and Scrutiny bodies, the Committees holds the following additional powers and rights as part of its remit for health:

- to review any matter relating to the planning, provision and operation of health services in the area;
- to require members of the Council's Executive, and representatives of commissioners and providers of NHS and public health funded services, to provide information to the Committee, attend meetings and answer questions posed by the Committee;
- to invite other persons to attend meetings of the Committee to provide information and/or answer questions;
- to make recommendations and provide reports to relevant decision makers, including the Council's Executive and commissioners of NHS and public health funded services, on matters within their remits – the Council's Executive and commissioners of NHS and public health funded services have a duty to respond in writing to such recommendations; and
- to be consulted by commissioners of NHS and public health funded services when there are proposals for substantial developments or variations to services, and to make comment on those proposals – in certain circumstances, the Committee has the power to refer decisions about substantial developments or variations in health services to the Secretary of State.

3.3 The Committee sets and manages its own work programme for its Scrutiny activity. Business on the work programme must have a clear link to the Committee's roles and responsibilities, and it should be ensured that each item has set objectives and desired outcomes to achieve added value. Once business has been identified, the scheduling of items should be timely, sufficiently flexible so that issues that arise as the year progresses can be considered appropriately, and reflect the resources available to support the Committee's work. It is recommended that there are a maximum of two substantive items scheduled for each Committee meeting, so that enough time can be given to consider them thoroughly.

3.4 The current work programme for the 2023/24 municipal year is attached, and the Committee is asked to review the business and make any amendments that are needed. Potential issues raised by Committee members to date are regularly scoped for scheduling in consultation with the Chair and the relevant senior officers and partners, and the Portfolio Holders with the appropriate remit.

4 List of attached information

4.1 Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2023/24

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

5.1 None

6 Published documents referred to in compiling this report

6.1 [Nottingham City Council's Constitution](#), Article 9 and Article 11

7 Wards affected

7.1 All

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