

Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee

20 February 2025

Work Programme

Report of the Statutory Scrutiny Officer

1 Purpose

- 1.1 To review the Committee's current work programme for the 2024/25 municipal year, based on the issues identified by Committee members previously and any further suggestions arising from this meeting. Potential issues raised by Committee members are regularly scoped for scheduling in consultation with the Chair, the relevant senior officers and partners, and the Executive Members with the appropriate remit.

2 Action required

- 2.1 The Committee is asked:

- 1) to note its current work programme for the 2024/25 municipal year and make any needed amendments; and
- 2) to consider any further priority topics or issues for inclusion on the work programme.

3 Background information

- 3.1 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.
- 3.2 The Committee's formal Terms of Reference are set out under Article 9 of the Council's Constitution, with it being established to:
- hold local decision-makers (including the Council's Executive for matters relating to Adult Social Care and Public Health, and the commissioners and providers of local NHS health services) to account for their decisions, actions, performance and management of risk;
 - review the 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 the relevant local agencies with respect to the delivery of their functions (including the Council and its Executive, and the commissioners and providers of local NHS health services);
- exercise the Council's statutory role in scrutinising health services for Nottingham 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 NHS 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.

3.3 In addition to the powers held by all of the Council's Overview and Scrutiny bodies, the Committee also holds further powers and rights as part of its remit concerning health:

- to review any matter relating to the planning, provision and operation of NHS 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 its meetings and answer questions posed;
- 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);
- 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; and
- to request that the Secretary of State uses their powers to 'call in' proposals for health service reconfiguration if there are significant concerns about them that cannot be resolved locally, and to be consulted formally (alongside the local Healthwatch group) by the Secretary of State on how the powers of 'call in' might be implemented in relation to a given proposal if the Secretary of State is minded to use those powers.

4 The Strategic Council Plan 2024-27 and the Council Improvement Plan

4.1 The vision set out in the Strategic Council Plan (SCP) is that Nottingham will be known as a healthy, aspirational and thriving city, where people feel safe to live and work whatever their age, and an exciting, clean and welcoming place to

play, study and visit. Nottingham will be a city that is green and environmentally sustainable, with a strong commitment to fairness, equality and inclusivity. The SCP sets out ten high-level outcomes for Nottingham, and each outcomes has a number of priority activities and interventions to help deliver it within the four-year span of the SCP.

- 4.2 In addition, the Council Improvement Plan (CIP) establishes how the Council will respond to the significant governance and financial challenges that have led to the statutory intervention by Government Commissioners. The CIP represents the overarching framework that holds the Council's improvement activity together and is intended to address the challenges the Council faces while working towards achieving longer-term change to become an organisation that has a clear purpose and direction, is financially sustainable and is well run. Delivering the CIP is intended to provide assurance to citizens, councillors, officers, partners and the Commissioners that the Council is improving the way it operates to deliver, enable and influence better outcomes for Nottingham in the most effective, efficient and economical way. The CIP sets out three overall aims, with eleven Priority Programmes of Action.
- 4.3 As a result, when planning its work programme, the Committee should consider how an item relates to achieving both the Priority Programmes of Action within the CIP and the wider objectives of the SCP. In scrutinising topics at a meeting, the Committee should seek to investigate what Priority Programmes of Action the issue affects and how improvement is being delivered against these, as well as the progress made to date against the associated performance metrics and that there is a full understanding and effective management of risk.

5 List of attached information

- 5.1 Work Programme 2024/25

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

- 6.1 None

7 Published documents referred to in compiling this report

- 7.1 [The Council's Constitution](#) (Article 9 and Article 11)

- 7.2 [The Strategic Council Plan 2024-27](#)

- 7.3 [The Council Improvement Plan](#)

8 Wards affected

- 8.1 All

9 Contact information

- 9.1 Adrian Mann, Scrutiny and Audit Support Officer
adrian.mann@nottinghamcity.gov.uk