

Healthier Communities Select Committee		
Title	Select Committee work programme	
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## 1. Purpose

- 1.1 To provide Members of the Select Committee with an overview of the work programme for 2014-15 and to advise the Committee about the process for agreeing the 2015-16 work programme.

## 2. Summary

- 2.1 At the beginning of the municipal year each select committee is required to draw up a work programme for submission to the Overview and Scrutiny Business Panel. The Panel considers the suggested work programmes and coordinates activities between select committees in order to maximise the use of scrutiny resources and avoid duplication.
- 2.2 The meeting on 24 February is the last scheduled meeting of the Healthier Communities Select Committee in the 2014-15 municipal year. This report provides a list off the issues considered in 2014-15 and asks the Committee to put forward suggestions for the 2015-16 work programme.

## 3. Recommendations

- 3.1 The Select Committee is asked to:
- note the completed work programme attached at **appendix B**;
  - review the issues covered in 2014-15 municipal year;
  - take note of the notice of key decisions attached at **appendix C**;
  - consider any matters arising that it may wish to suggest for future scrutiny.

## 4. Healthier Communities Select Committee 2014-2015

- 4.1 The Healthier Communities Select Committee had six meetings in the 2014-15 year:
- 16 July
  - 3 September
  - 21 October
  - 2 December
  - 14 January
  - 24 February

4.2 Along with all other select committees, the Healthier Communities Select Committee has devoted considerable attention to the proposals put forward as part of the development and delivery of the Lewisham Future Programme. It is anticipated that all overview and scrutiny committees will be tasked with reviewing further Lewisham Future Programme proposals in the 2015-16 municipal year.

4.3 The Committee's completed work programme is attached at **appendix B**.

## **5. Planning for 2015-16**

5.1 Eight meetings will be scheduled for 2015-16 municipal year. A work programme report will be put forward at the first Healthier Communities Select Committee meeting of the 2015-16 year for members to review, revise and agree. The report will take account of the Committee's previous work and may incorporate:

- issues arising as a result of previous scrutiny;
- issues that the Committee is required to consider by virtue of its terms of reference;
- items requiring follow up from Committee reviews and recommendations;
- issues suggested by members of the public;
- petitions;
- standard reviews of policy implementation or performance, which is based on a regular schedule;
- suggestions from officers;
- decisions due to be made by Mayor and Cabinet.

### Issues arising from the 2014/15 work programme

5.2 The Committee has already indicated that there are matters it feels should be considered for further scrutiny, these are:

- outcome of the SLAM older adults specialist care consultation;
- the implementation of the Care Act;
- health and social care integration;
- transition from children's to adult social care;
- update from the Care Quality Commission.

5.3 The Public Health working group also made the following proposals:

- The Working Group notes that the staffing arrangements in Public Health are due to be reviewed with a restructure effective from April 2015. The Working Group would like the Healthier Communities Select Committee to be updated on the new staffing structure once this is in place.
- The integration of services via the neighbourhood model is crucial to achieving the required savings and further integration is clearly required. The Healthier Communities Select Committee should continue to receive updates on the integration programme including information on the savings being achieved via the programme.
- The Healthier Communities Select Committee should have the opportunity to comment on and scrutinise the proposed use of the savings resulting from the

implementation of the 2015/16 public health savings proposals. A full breakdown of the use of the savings resulting from the proposals should be provided to the Healthier Communities Select Committee once this has been agreed.

#### Healthier Communities Select Committee terms of reference

- 5.4 The Committee's terms of reference are included at **appendix A**.
- 5.5 The Council's constitution sets out the Committee's powers, based on the legal underpinning of the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee by legislation: in particular the NHS Act 2006 as amended, the Health and Social Care Act 2012, the Care Act 2014. The Committee has the ability to call decision makers to account for a decision or any series of decisions made. The Committee may also decide to call officers from partner organisations to answer questions about the delivery of health care services in the borough.
- 5.6 The Committee's areas of responsibility, include, but are not limited to:
- Public health
  - Adult social care
  - Services for disabled people
  - Day care provision
  - Delivery of healthcare by partners
- 5.7 The Committee is also required to review proposals for substantial changes in services and decide whether or not consultation is required in the instance that those changes will have a significant impact on local people.

#### **6. Financial implications**

There are no financial implications arising from the implementation of the recommendations in this report. There will be financial implications arising from items on the agenda; these will need to be considered, as necessary.

#### **7. Legal implications**

In accordance with the Council's Constitution, all scrutiny select committees must devise and submit a work programme to the Business Panel at the start of each municipal year.

#### **8. Equalities implications**

- 8.1 The Equality Act 2010 brought together all previous equality legislation in England, Scotland and Wales. The Act included a new public sector equality duty, replacing the separate duties relating to race, disability and gender equality. The duty came into force on 6 April 2011. It covers the following nine protected characteristics: age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation.
- 8.2 The Council must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to:

- eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act
- advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
- foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.

8.3 There may be equalities implications arising from items on the work programme and all activities undertaken by the Select Committee will need to give due consideration to this.

### **Background documents**

Lewisham Council's Constitution

Centre for Public Scrutiny: the Good Scrutiny Guide

## Appendix A

### Healthier Communities Select Committee terms of reference

- (a) To fulfil all of the Overview and Scrutiny functions in relation to the provision of service by and performance of health bodies providing services for local people. These functions shall include all powers in relation to health matters given to the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee by any legislation but in particular the NHS Act 2006 as amended, the Health and Social Care Act 2012, the Care Act 2014 and regulations made under that legislation, and any other legislation in force from time to time. For the avoidance of doubt, however, decisions to refer matters to the Secretary of State in circumstances where a health body proposes significant development or significant variation of service may only be made by full Council.
- (b) To review and scrutinise the decisions and actions of the Health and Wellbeing Board and to make reports and recommendations to the Council and/or Mayor and Cabinet.
- (c) To review and scrutinise in accordance with regulations made under Section 244 NHS Act 2006 matters relating to the health service in the area and to make reports and recommendations on such matters in accordance with those regulations
- (d) Require the attendance of representatives of relevant health bodies at meetings of the select committee to address it, answer questions and listen to the comments of local people on matters of local concern.
- (e) With the exception of matters pertaining to the Council's duty in relation to special educational needs, to fulfil all of the Council's Overview and Scrutiny functions in relation to social services provided for those 19 years old or older including but not limited to services provided under the Local Authority Social Services Act 1970, Children Act 2004, National Assistance Act 1948, Mental Health Act 1983, NHS and Community Care Act 1990, NHS Act 2006, Health and Social Care Act 2012 and any other relevant legislation in place from time to time.
- (f) To fulfil all of the Council's Overview and Scrutiny functions in relation to the lifelong learning of those 19 years or over (excluding schools and school related services).
- (g) To receive referrals from the Healthwatch and consider whether to make any report/recommendation in relation to such referral (unless the referral relates solely to health services for those aged under 19 years of age, in which case the referral from the Healthwatch should be referred to the Children and Young People Select Committee.
- (h) To review and scrutinise the Council's public health functions.
- (i) Without limiting the remit of this Select Committee, its terms of reference shall include Overview and Scrutiny functions in relation to:
- people with learning difficulties
  - people with physical disabilities
  - mental health services

- the provision of health services by those other than the Council
- provision for elderly people
- the use of Section 75 NHS Act 2006 flexibilities to provide
- services in partnership with health organisations
- lifelong learning of those aged 19 years or more (excluding
- schools and school related services)
- Community Education Lewisham
- other matters relating to Health and Adult Care and Lifelong
- Learning for those aged 19 years or over38

(j) Without limiting the remit of the Select Committee, to hold the Executive to account for its performance in relation to the delivery of Council objectives in the provision of adult services and health and lifelong learning.

**NB** In the event of there being overlap between the terms of reference of this select committee and those of the Children and Young People Select Committee, the Business Panel shall determine the Select Committee which shall deal with the matter in question.