

Report of the Director of Legal and Governance to the meeting of the Health and Social Care Overview & Scrutiny Committee to be held on 21 June 2023

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Subject: HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2023/24

Summary statement:

There will be a discussion about the Committee's work programme 2023/24 in advance of its presentation at the next meeting for adoption.

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1. **Summary**

- 1.1 There will be a discussion about the Committee's work programme 2023/24 in advance of its presentation at the next meeting for adoption.

2. **Background**

- 2.1 Each Overview and Scrutiny Committee is required by the Constitution of the Council to prepare a work programme (Part 3E – Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules, Para 1.1).

3. **Report issues**

- 3.1 Best practice published by the Centre for Governance and Scrutiny suggests that 'work programming should be a continuous process'¹. It is important to regularly review work programmes so that important or urgent issues that come up during the year are able to be scrutinised. In addition, at a time of limited resources, it should also be possible to remove projects which have become less relevant or timely. For this reason, it is proposed that the Committee's work programme be regularly reviewed by Members throughout the municipal year.

- 3.2 It should also be noted that overview and scrutiny can take place outside of formal meetings, for example in informal meetings, visits and by requesting information in the form of briefing notes.

4. **Contribution to corporate priorities**

- 4.1 The Health and Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2023/24 should reflect the priority outcomes of the Council Plan, in particular, 'Better Health, Better Lives' and 'Living with Covid-19'². It should also reflect the guiding principles of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy for Bradford and Airedale 'Connecting people and place for better health and wellbeing' and the priorities set out in the West Yorkshire Integrated Care Strategy³.

5. **Recommendations**

- 5.1 That a draft Programme of Work 2023/24 be presented for consideration and adoption at the Committee's meeting of 27 July 2023.

6. **Background documents**

The Constitution of the Council

7. **Appendices**

None

¹ Hammond, E. (2011) *A cunning plan?* p. 8, London: Centre for Public Scrutiny

² Our Council Plan: Priorities and Principles 2021-25 <https://www.bradford.gov.uk/councilplan>

³ West Yorkshire Integrated Care Strategy

https://www.wypartnership.co.uk/application/files/8516/7846/6187/West_Yorkshire_Integrated_Care_Strategy.pdf