

Report of the Director of Legal and Governance to the meeting of the Health and Social Care Overview & Scrutiny Committee to be held on 23 November 2023

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

Summary statement:

This report presents the Committee's work programme 2023/24

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1. **Summary**

1.1 This report presents the work programme 2023/24.

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 **Appendix A** of this report presents the work programme 2023/24 which was adopted by the Committee at its meeting of 27 July 2023. It lists issues and topics that have been identified for inclusion in the work programme and have been scheduled for consideration over the coming year.

3.2 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.

3.3 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. **Options**

4.1 Members may wish to amend and / or comment on the work programme at **Appendix A**.

5. **Contribution to corporate priorities**

5.1 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.

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

6. **Recommendations**

- 6.1 That the Committee notes and comments on the information presented in **Appendix A**
- 6.2 That the Work Programme 2023/24 continues to be regularly reviewed during the year.

7. **Background documents**

- 7.1 The Constitution of the Council

8. **Appendices**

- 8.1 **Appendix A** – Health and Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee work programme 2023/24