

# Report of the City Solicitor to the meeting of the Health and Social Care Overview & Scrutiny Committee to be held on 7 September 2017

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**Subject: Health and Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee Draft Work Programme 2017/18**

**Summary statement:**

This report presents a draft work programme 2017/18 for adoption by the Committee

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1. **Summary**

- 1.1 This report presents a draft work programme 2017/18 for adoption by the Committee.

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 **Appendices 1 and 2** of this report present a draft work programme 2017/18. They list issues and topics that have been identified for inclusion in the work programme and have been scheduled for consideration over coming year.
- 3.2. Best practice published by the Centre for Public Scrutiny suggests that ‘work programming should be a continuous process’<sup>1</sup>. 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 **Appendix 3** of this report tracks the outcomes of the Committee’s recommendations for 2016/17.

4. **Options**

- 4.1 Members may wish to amend and / or comment on the draft work programme at **Appendices 1 and 2**. Members may also wish to comment on the outcomes of the Committee’s recommendations for 2016/17 at **Appendix 3**.

5. **Contribution to corporate priorities**

- 5.1 The Health and Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2017/18 reflects the ambition of the District Plan for ‘all of our population to be healthy, well and able to live independently for a long as possible’ (District Plan: Better health, better lives).

6. **Recommendations**

- 6.1 That the Committee notes the information in **Appendices 1, 2 and 3** and that **Appendices 1 and 2**, along with any amendments or additions is adopted as the Committee’s Work Programme 2017/18.

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

6.2 That the Work Programme 2017/18 continues to be regularly reviewed during the year.

7. **Background documents**

None

8. **Not for publication documents**

None

9. **Appendices**

9.1 **Appendix 1** – Draft Health and Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee work programme 2017/18

9.2 **Appendix 2** – Unscheduled items for inclusion in Committee's work programme 2017/18

9.3 **Appendix 3** - Outcomes of the Health and Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee's recommendations - 2016/17