

Report of the Director of Legal and Governance to the meeting of the Health and Social Care Overview & Scrutiny Committee to be held on 16 February 2023

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Subject: HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2022/23

Summary statement:

This report presents the Committee's work programme 2022/23

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1. Summary

1.1 This report presents the Committee's work programme 2022/23.

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 2022/23. It lists 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'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.

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 2022/23 reflects the priority outcomes of the Council Plan, in particular, 'Better Health, Better Lives' and 'Living with Covid-19'². It also reflects the guiding principals of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy for Bradford and Airedale 'Connecting people and place for better health and wellbeing'.

6. Recommendations

6.1 That the Committee notes the information in **Appendix A** and considers any amendments or additions it may wish to make.

6.2 That the Committee notes that the March meeting will take place on **Wednesday 22 March 2023**.

6.3 That the Work Programme 2022/23 continues to be regularly reviewed during the year.

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>

7. **Background documents**

None

8. **Not for publication documents**

None

9. **Appendices**

9.1 **Appendix A** – Health and Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee work programme 2022/23