
Meeting: Social Care Health & Housing Overview & Scrutiny Committee
Date: 15 October 2009
Subject: Work Programme 2009-2010
Report of: Cheryl Powell, Overview & Scrutiny Officer
Summary: The report provides Members with details of the currently drafted work programme following initial discussion of the subject at the last meeting.

Contact Officer: Cheryl Powell
Public/Exempt: Public
Wards Affected: All
Function of: n/a
Key Decision: n/a
Reason for urgency/
Exemption from call-in
(if appropriate): n/a

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1. That the Social Care Health and Housing Overview & Scrutiny Committee considers and approves the work programme attached, subject to any further amendments it may wish to make; and**
- 2. That the Social Care Health and Housing Overview & Scrutiny Committee considers whether it wishes to add any further items to the work programme and/or establish any Task Forces to assist it in reviewing specific items.**

Reason for Recommendation: So that Members of the Social Care Health and Housing Overview & Scrutiny Committee can further refine its work programme for the municipal year 2009 - 2010.

Work Programme

1. As Members will be aware, the Committee received a presentation at its first meeting, which provided an overview of the work of the Social Care Health and Housing directorate and the key issues and challenging facing it.
2. At this meeting, and with the support of the officers in attendance, Members highlighted a number of priority items for inclusion in an initial Committee work programme, a summary of which is attached at Appendix A.

6. The Committee is now requested to consider further the work programme attached and amend and/or add to it if considered necessary. This will allow officers to plan accordingly but will not preclude further items being added during the course of the year if Members so wish and capacity exists.

Task Forces

7. In addition to further consideration of the work programme, Members will also need to consider how each item will be reviewed i.e. by the Committee itself (over one or a number of Committee meetings) or by establishing a Member Task Force to review an item in greater depth and report back its findings.

Conclusion

8. Members are requested to consider and agree the attached work programme, subject to any further amendments/additions they may wish to make and highlight those items within it where they wish to establish a Task Force to assist the Committee in its work.

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS
<p>Council Priorities: The work programme of the Social Care Health and Housing Overview & Scrutiny Committee will contribute indirectly to all 5 Council priorities.</p> <p>Financial: n/a</p> <p>Legal: n/a</p> <p>Risk Management: n/a</p> <p>Staffing (including Trades Unions): n/a</p> <p>Equalities/Human Rights: n/a</p> <p>Community Development/Safety: n/a</p> <p>Sustainability: n/a</p>

Draft Work Programme for Social Care Health and Housing Overview & Scrutiny Committee 2009 – 2010

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1.	5 th November 2009	Directorate Overview: Mental Health	<i>The content of this Directorate Overview to be considered by the Committee is currently being devised within the Directorate</i>	
2.		The Central Bedfordshire Response to the Green Paper "Shaping the Future of Care Together"	To provide a response to the Social Care Health and Housing Overview & Scrutiny Committee prior to its report to Executive on the 10 th November 2009.	The Committee may consider its contribution to the Public Consultation event planned in light of the Council's response.
3.		Quarter 2 Budget & Performance Information	To receive the Budget and Performance information for the Social Care Health and Housing Directorate.	The Committee will receive a statement of the position Directorate's financial performance against budget for Q2
4.		Outsourcing of Community Alarms	Members may wish to consider and comment on Executive's proposal to authorise the continuing development of a third party, outsourced contract.	Since its inception the community alarm service has grown dramatically in the number of people it assists, the 24/7 response services it provides and the number of agencies who commission services from it. The Committee will need to pay regard to the demand of this service in line with the

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5.		Homelessness Housing Option: Lets Rent		The Committee will receive the current position in the development of this housing option which assists the homeless to acquire and remain in high quality sustainable homes in the private sector.
6.		Annual health check	<p>The annual commentary on the performance of NHS bodies as part of the Care Quality Commission's annual health check. As part of its third party commentary the Committee will need to consider:</p> <p><u>Quality of services</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • is the trust meeting the Government's core standards and existing commitments for the NHS • is the trust making and sustaining ongoing improvements in its services <p><u>Quality of financial management</u></p> <p>When looking at how well a trust is managing its financial resources, the Committee will need to consider the work carried out by the Audit Commission and by Monitor.</p>	Members may wish to consider items on the LINKs work programme in conjunction with the Care Quality Commission's Framework.

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7.		Mental Health Plan / Strategy	The Committee may wish to consider and comment on Central Bedfordshire Council's approach to promoting and improving the mental health and wellbeing of adults and carers within Central Bedfordshire and to support the recovery of adults with mental health problems.	
8.	3rd December 2009	Directorate Overview: Learning Disabilities	<i>The content of this Directorate Overview to be considered by the Committee is currently being devised within the Directorate</i>	
9.	7th January 2010	Social Care Health & Housing - Renewal (Housing Asset Management) Strategy	Central Bedfordshire Council has a requirement to have a strategy focussing on Social Care Health & Housing - Renewal (Housing Asset Management) Strategy. The Committee will receive the Council's approach to provide a rationalised service within the legacy authority's areas.	The Committee may wish to establish a Task Force to review this policy prior to it's receipt at Executive.

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10.		National Dementia Strategy	The Committee may wish to receive a report discussing Central Bedfordshire's response to commissioning services in line with their residents and their involvement regionally to the national dementia strategy's framework	<p>The strategy launched in February 2009 provides a framework within which local services can</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • deliver quality improvements to dementia services and address health inequalities relating to dementia; • provide advice and guidance and support for health and social care commissioners and providers in the planning, development and monitoring of services; and • provide a guide to the content of high quality services for dementia
11.		Annual Performance Report of Adult Social Care for 2008 / 2009	To receive a report produced by the Care Quality Commission.	The Committee will receive a report outlining the Council's position prior to its report to Executive on the 13 th October 2009.
12.	4th February	Housing Strategy	Central Bedfordshire Council has a requirement to have a strategy focussing on Housing Strategy. Since the Council has received an extension to the 31 st March 2010 deadline, the Committee will receive the Council's approach to provide a rationalised service within the legacy authority's areas.	Prior to its receipt at Executive, the Committee may wish to establish a cross cutting Task Force with Sustainable Communities OSC. This remit of this Task Force would be to review the "people" aspect of this policy, whilst Sustainable Communities OSC would focus its investigations to the planning aspect of this policy.
13.	4th March	Quarter 3 Budget & Performance Information	To receive the Budget and Performance information for the Social Care Health and Housing Directorate.	The Committee will receive a statement of the position Directorate's financial performance against budget for Q3

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14.		Update on the Adult Social Care Recovery Plan	The Committee to consider an update of the Adult Social Care Recovery Plan	The Directorate will provide an update to the Social Care, Health and Housing Overview and Scrutiny Panel within the corporate performance monitoring framework.
Strategies the Committee may wish to consider as part of the 2009 / 2010 work programme include:-				
15.	TBC	Learning Disabilities Strategy	DoH has launched this cross-government strategy for the next three years, which takes account of the responses to the consultation which ended in March 2008. In particular, this strategy addresses what people's experiences are of supporting people with learning disabilities and their families need.	The Committee may wish to consider how this affects it's communities
16.	TBC	Older People Strategy	The Older People's Strategy, aims to challenge stereotyping of older people and provide a framework to develop a county in which older people have the support they need to lead active, healthy and independent lives.	The Committee may wish to consider how this affects it's communities
17.	TBC	Social Care Work Force Strategy	Working to Put People First: The Strategy for the Adult Social Care Workforce in England outlines the workforce implications of Putting People First and provides a high-level framework to support the transformation of the adult social care workforce.	The strategy is the result of collaboration between the Department of Health and its key partners in the adult social care sector. The Committee may wish to consider the local implications to its workforce

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18.	TBC	Healthier Communities Strategy	The strategy seeks to provide an overarching framework for achieving a vision of Central Bedfordshire as one of the healthiest places to live in the United Kingdom by improving health for of the County's residents and narrowing the gap in inequalities in health.	The Committee may wish to consider the local implications to its communities
19.	13 th August 2009	Empty Dwellings Management Orders (EDMOs)	Member are asked to comment on a "pilot" EDMO with a view to being presented with a comprehensive Empty Homes Strategy	The committee may wish too consider a presentation and complementary report setting out the Council's position and a way forward.
20.		Substantial Variations & Developments of Health Services	To consider a framework on what constitutes substantial.	The Committee may wish to discuss what constitutes substantial with local NHS Bodies and the Local Involvement Network (LINK) on an agreed definition in the local context and how consultation should be carried out.
21.		Review of the Work programme	To consider the Social Care Health and Housing Overview & Scrutiny Committee's Work Programme with a view to further refine its work for the municipal year 2009 - 2010.	The Social Care Health and Housing Overview & Scrutiny Committee will need to continually refine and approve its work programme in order to add any further items to the work programme and/or establish any Task Forces to assist it in reviewing specific items.
22.	10 th September 2009	LINK Update		The Committee will receive an update from Bedfordshire LINK on local health matters influencing LINK activity as defined by the Health and Social Care Act 2001.

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23.		Key pressures effecting NHS Bedfordshire	Key pressures and drivers for improvement	<p>The presentation should focus on the key issues faced by NHS Bedfordshire, taking into account a local perspective on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishing an Arms Length Trading Organisation (ALTO) for the PCT's Provider Services • Principles for determining strategic locations for health infrastructure
24.		Quarter 1 Budget & Performance Information	To receive the Budget and Performance information for the Social Care Health and Housing Directorate.	The Committee will receive a statement of the position Directorate's financial performance against budget for Q1
25.		Directorate Overview: Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults	To receive an overview of the Directorates approach to Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults.	The Committee will receive an outline presentation focussing on Central Bedfordshire's approach to providing a Safeguarding service for Adults. The purpose of the presentation is to also aid Members awareness and understanding of the Safeguarding service for Adults in need of such support
26.		Consultation Feedback: Homelessness Event	The Committee will receive feedback form the Stakeholder event held on the 27 th July 2009	Central Bedfordshire Council has a legal requirement to have a strategy focussing on the region's homeless. The Committee will receive the Council's approach to provide a rationalised service encompassing the needs of the demographic within the legacy authority's areas.

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27.		Update on the Adult Social Care Recovery Plan	The Committee to consider an update of the Adult Social Care Recovery Plan	The Directorate will provide an update to the Social Care, Health and Housing Overview and Scrutiny Panel within the corporate performance monitoring framework.
28.		Review of the Work programme	To consider the Social Care Health and Housing Overview & Scrutiny Committee's Work Programme with a view to further refine its work for the municipal year 2009 - 2010.	The Social Care Health and Housing Overview & Scrutiny Committee will need to continually refine and approve its work programme in order to add any further items to the work programme and/or establish any Task Forces to assist it in reviewing specific items.
29.	15th October 2009	Directorate Overview: Services to Carers	<i>The content of this Directorate Overview to be considered by the Committee is currently being devised within the Directorate</i>	
30.		Provision of Breaks and Services to Carers	To approve the joint delivery and spending plan between Central Bedfordshire Council and NHS Bedfordshire to provide breaks and services to carers.	As an addendum to the Directorate Overview, the Committee will receive a report outlining the Council's position prior to its report to Executive on the 13 th October 2009
31.		Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Annual Report	The Committee to not the 2008/2009 annual report of the Adult Safeguarding Board for Bedfordshire.	
32.		Substantial Variations & Developments of Health Services	To consider a framework on what constitutes a substantial variation.	The Committee may wish to discuss what constitutes substantial with local NHS Bodies and the Local Involvement Network (LiNK) on an agreed definition in the local context and how consultation should be carried out.

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33.		Private Sector Housing Renewal Strategy	Central Bedfordshire Council has a requirement to have a strategy focussing on Private Sector Housing. The Committee will receive the Council's approach to provide a rationalised service within the legacy authority's areas.	The Committee may wish to establish a Task Force to review this policy prior to it's receipt at Executive in February 2010
<p><u>Member's Seminar</u></p> <p>Following on from the Committee's formal Committee Meeting a training and development seminar has been scheduled to assist Members with their understanding and appreciation of Social Care Health and Housing issues currently faced by the Directorate.</p>				

Executive Dates:

- (i) 10th November 2009
- (ii) 8th December 2009
- (iii) 12th January 2010
- (iv) 9th February 2010
- (v) 9th March 2010
- (vi) 6th April 2010