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**Meeting:** Social Care Health & Housing Overview & Scrutiny Committee

**Date:** 4 February 2010

**Subject:** Work Programme 2009-2010

**Report of:** Cllr Mrs Carole Hegley , Portfolio Holder for Social Care & Health; and  
Cllr Mrs Rita J Drinkwater, Portfolio Holder Housing

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**Summary:** The report provides Members with details of the currently drafted work programme following initial discussion of the subject at the last meeting.

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Contact Officer: Cheryl Powell

Public/Exempt: Public

Wards Affected: All

Function of: Council

#### **CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS**

**Council Priorities:**

The work programme of the Social Care Health and Housing Overview & Scrutiny Committee will contribute indirectly to all 5 Council priorities.

**Financial:**

n/a

**Legal:**

n/a

**Risk Management:**

n/a

**Staffing (including Trades Unions):**

n/a

**Equalities/Human Rights:**

n/a

**Community Development/Safety:**

n/a

**Sustainability:**

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.
3. 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**

4. 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**

5. 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.

**Appendices:**

Appendix A – Social Care Health and Housing Overview & Scrutiny Committee Work Programme by Committee Date.

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

| Ref | Indicative Overview & Scrutiny Meeting Date | Report Title   | Issue to be considered  | Comment   |
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| 1.  | 4 <sup>th</sup> February 2010               | Directorate Overview: Update on the Personalisation Agenda | <i>The content of this Directorate Overview is currently being devised within the Directorate</i>   |   |
| 2.  |   | Review of the Eligibility Criteria (Fair Access to Care)   | The Committee will receive a report detailing the Council's approach to the framework for setting the eligibility criteria for adult social care  | Guidance issued in 2003 provides councils with a framework for setting their eligibility criteria for adult social care. As such, implementation should lead to fairer and more consistent eligibility decision.  |
| 3.  |   | Draft Private Sector Housing Renewal Policy                | 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 review this policy prior to it's receipt at Executive in March 2010   |
| 4.  |   | Annual Performance Assessment for Adult Social Care        | Members will be informed of the corrective action being taken, in line with the Recovery Programme, to address areas of underperformance and to ensure standards of care are maintained.  | Performance in adult social care services is subject to an annual assessment by the Care Quality Commission (CQC). The CQC require that the outcome of the performance assessment is reported to the Executive. The outcome for 2008 - 2009 is that Central Bedfordshire Council has not been given a judgement about performance because of the transition to unitary status in April 2009 and the performance being reported on is that of Bedfordshire County Council. |

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| 5.  |   | Draft Budget 2010/11 to 2014/15              | The report proposes the draft budget Medium Term Financial Plan for 2010/11 to 2014/15 for consideration by the Committee  | Members' attention is also drawn to the resolutions agreed by the Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 10 December 2009.   |
| 6.  | 4 <sup>th</sup> March 2010                  | Overview of Mental Health                    | The committee will receive an overview presentation from the Interim Chief Executive of Bedfordshire and Luton Mental Health and Social Care Partnership NHS Trust (BLPT), Dr Patrick Geoghegan OBE  |  |
| 7.  |   | Draft Homelessness Strategy for 2010-2014    | The Committee will receive the draft Homelessness Strategy for 2010-2014.  | 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. |
| 8.  |   | CQC performance ratings for NHS Bedfordshire | The Committee to receive a report on areas of performance not met  | The PCT to inform Members of the corrective action being taken to address areas of underperformance and to ensure standards of patient care is maintained.   |
| 9.  |   | 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   |
| 10. | 8 <sup>th</sup> April 2010                  | Overview of Learning Disabilities            | 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 |  |

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| 11. |   | Departmental Briefing: Social Care Work Force | 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. |   |
| 12. |   | 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"> <li>• deliver quality improvements to dementia services and address health inequalities relating to dementia;</li> <li>• provide advice and guidance and support for health and social care commissioners and providers in the planning, development and monitoring of services; and</li> <li>• provide a guide to the content of high quality services for dementia</li> </ul> |
| 13. |   | Focussing on Safeguarding                     | The Committee may wish to consider the implications of the Council's approach to applying the national Safeguarding proposals locally   | At its meeting on the 15th October 2009, and a training session held in 2010, the Committee is requested to consider and comment on the implications of the Council's approach to applying the national Safeguarding proposals locally.   |

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| 14. |   | Review of the Fairer Charging Policy         | The Committee may wish to consider the Council's determination of setting and applying a charging levy for some of the its Social Care Services in line with national proposals   |  |
| 15. | <b>20<sup>th</sup> May 2010</b>             | Departmental Briefing: Healthier Communities | Healthier Communities seeks to provide an overarching framework for achieving a vision of Central Bedfordshire as one of the healthiest places to live in the UK by improving health of residents and narrowing the gap in inequalities in health. The Committee may wish to consider the local implications to its communities |  |
| 16. |   | Supported Employment                         | Due to national changes suggested, the Committee may wish to consider how the proposals may affect individuals working under the Supported Employment regime.   | Supported employment is widely recognised as a major way of helping disabled people get and sustain work. Research has shown that in the UK, supported employment is not yet delivering its full potential, at least in part due to a wider social policy framework that fails to accommodate this approach. |
| 17. |   | Homelessness Housing Option: Lets Rent       | The Committee will receive an updated position of the development of this housing option which assists the homeless to acquire and remain in high quality sustainable homes in the private sector.  | At its meeting held on the 15 <sup>th</sup> October 2009, the Committee resolved to receive a progress report of the Let's Rent initiative since its adoption at the 10 <sup>th</sup> November Executive meeting   |
| 18. | <b>17<sup>th</sup> June 2010</b>            | Review of Choice Based Lettings              | Evidence of Lettings Policy & Patterns of Lettings  | TO BE CONFRIMED  |

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| <b>Previous Work Programme Items</b> |   |  |  |   |
| 19.                                  | <b>7<sup>th</sup> January 2010</b>          | Directorate Overview: Update on the Personalisation Agenda | <i>The content of this Directorate Overview is currently being devised within the Directorate</i>  |   |
| 20.                                  |   | Annual Performance Assessment for Adult Social Care        | Members will be informed of the corrective action being taken, in line with the Recovery Programme, to address areas of underperformance and to ensure standards of care are maintained. | Performance in adult social care services is subject to an annual assessment by the Care Quality Commission (CQC). The CQC require that the outcome of the performance assessment is reported to the Executive. The outcome for 2008 - 2009 is that Central Bedfordshire Council has not been given a judgement about performance because of the transition to unitary status in April 2009 and the performance being reported on is that of Bedfordshire County Council. |
| 21.                                  |   | Draft Budget 2010/11 to 2014/15                            | The report proposes the draft budget Medium Term Financial Plan for 2010/11 to 2014/15 for consideration by the Committee  |   |
| 22.                                  | <b>3<sup>rd</sup> December 2009</b>         | Directorate Overview: Learning Disabilities                | <i>The content of this Directorate Overview is currently being devised within the Directorate</i>  |   |
| 23.                                  |   | 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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| 24. |   | NHS Beds Strategic Plan refresh   | The Committee requested that Bedfordshire PCT bring back its Strategy for review by the OSC (and in line with minute ref JSC/08/26 of the <i>Joint Health Scrutiny Committee</i> ) The Committee will receive a presentation of the report received by NHS Bedfordshire November Board meeting | <i>At its meeting held on the 30<sup>th</sup> July 2009, the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee resolved “to refresh the Strategy in light of the responses received, the responses to the recommendations of the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the need to update the financial scenarios based on the anticipated future financial situation.”</i> |
| 25. |   | 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   |
| 26. |   | 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.  | <i>At its meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> October 2009, the Committee resolved “that the Committee would review the draft Strategy at the November or December 2009 meeting of the Committee before it was submitted to the Executive in March 2010 for approval and adoption”</i>   |
| 27. | <b>5<sup>th</sup> November 2009</b>         | 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 <sup>th</sup> November 2009.  |  |
| 28. |   | Handover of BLPT Bedfordshire and Luton Mental Health and Social Care Partnership NHS Trust | Members will receive a report detailing the change in governance and management of Bedfordshire and Luton Mental Health and Social Care Partnership NHS Trust  |  |

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| 29. |   | 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.                             |  |
| 30. | <b>15<sup>th</sup> October 2009</b>         | Directorate Overview: Services to Carers                 | <i>The content of this Directorate Overview is currently being devised within the Directorate</i>   |  |
| 31. |   | 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 <sup>th</sup> October 2009                                 |
| 32. |   | Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Annual Report             | The Committee to not the 2008/2009 annual report of the Adult Safeguarding Board for Bedfordshire.  |  |
| 33. |   | 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. |
| 34. |   | 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   |

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| 35. | 10 <sup>th</sup> 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.   |
| 36. |   | 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"> <li>• Establishing an Arms Length Trading Organisation (ALTO) for the PCT's Provider Services</li> <li>• Principles for determining strategic locations for health infrastructure</li> </ul> |
| 37. |   | 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   |
| 38. |   | 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  |

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| 39. |   | Consultation Feedback: Homelessness Event                | The Committee will receive feedback form the Stakeholder event held on the 27 <sup>th</sup> 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. |
| 40. |   | 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.   |
| 41. | <b>13<sup>th</sup> August 2009</b>          | Empty Dwellings Management Orders (EDMO's)               | 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.  |
| 42. |   | 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.   |

**Executive Dates:**

**9<sup>th</sup> February 2010; 9<sup>th</sup> March 2010; 6<sup>th</sup> April 2010**

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| <b>Briefings the Committee may wish to consider include:-</b> |   |                                |  |   |
| 43.   |   | <b>A Strategy Older People</b> | <b>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.</b> | <b>The Committee may wish to consider how this affects it's communities</b> |