Meeting:	**Social Care Health and Housing Overview & Scrutiny Committee**
Date:	**9 September 2013**
Subject:	**Work Programme 2012/2013 & Executive Forward Plan**
Report of:	**Richard Carr, Chief Executive**
Summary:	The report provides Members with details of the current Committee work programme and the latest Executive Forward Plan.

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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 of the Council priorities.

Financial:

1.   Not applicable.

Legal:

2.   Not applicable.

Risk Management:

3.   Not applicable.

Staffing (including Trades Unions):

4.   Not applicable.

Equalities/Human Rights:

5.   Not applicable.

Public Health

6.   Not applicable.

Community Safety:

7.   Not applicable.

Sustainability:

8.   Not applicable.

Procurement:

9.   Not applicable.

> **RECOMMENDATION(S):**
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> **1. that the Social Care Health and Housing Overview & Scrutiny Committee**
>
>   **(a) considers and approves the draft work programme attached, subject to any further amendments it may wish to make;**
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>   **(b) considers the Executive Forward Plan; and**
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>   **(c) considers whether it wishes to add any further items to the work programme.**

Work Programme

10.   Attached at **Appendix A** is the current work programme for the Committee. The Committee is requested to consider the programme and amend or add to it as 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.

11.   Also attached at **Appendix B** is the latest version of the Executive's Forward Plan so that Overview & Scrutiny Members are fully aware of the key issues Executive Members will be taking decisions upon in the coming months. Those items relating specifically to this Committee's terms of reference are shaded in grey.

Task Forces

12.   The Committee has currently established Task Forces to cover the following:-

   • A Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Task Force to consider the review of acute services in the South East Midlands region (the Healthier Together programme);

   • hospital discharge in Central Bedfordshire; and

   • The strategic change agenda for housing.

Issues of concern raised by partners

13.   On 02 July a meeting was held with representatives of the Health and Wellbeing Board, the Tenant Scrutiny Panel and Healthwatch Central Bedfordshire. The Chairmen were asked to outline major areas of work in which they were presently engaged that may be of interest to the Committee. The following items were identified:-

   Health and Wellbeing Board

   • The experience of patients during the transition from hospital to their home.

   • The importance of implementing effective governance structures that enable several organisations to work together towards a single set of objectives and provides a focus on prevention.

Central Bedfordshire Healthwatch

- The role of community nursing

- Hospital discharge and the decision making process involved in a patient being discharged into residential care.

- Enhancing the role of Healthwatch Central Bedfordshire and ensuring that it retains independence

Central Bedfordshire Tenant Scrutiny Panel

The importance of developing effective relationships with tenants that encourage a 'Central Bedfordshire voice' and enhances awareness of the role of the Tenant Scrutiny Panel.

Conclusion

14   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 may wish to establish a Task Force to assist the Committee in its work.

Appendices:
Appendix A –   Social Care Health and Housing OSC Work Programme
Appendix B –   The latest Executive Forward Plan.

Background Papers: (open to public inspection)
None