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| Meeting: | Adults and wellbeing scrutiny committee |
| Meeting date: | 25 January 2018 |
| Title of report: | Committee work programme 2018 |
| Report by: | Governance services |

Classification

Open

Key decision

This is not an executive decision.

Wards affected

Countywide

Purpose

To consider the committee's work programme for January to May 2018.

Recommendation

That the revised work programme (appendix a) be approved, subject to any amendments the committee wishes to make.

Alternative options

- 1 It is for the committee to determine its work programme to reflect the priorities facing Herefordshire. The committee needs to be selective and ensure that the work programme is focused, realistic and deliverable within existing resources.

Reasons for recommendations

- 2 To enable the committee to establish a manageable work programme to ensure that scrutiny is focused, effective and produces clear outcomes.

Key considerations

- 3 Members will have received an update from Healthwatch at the meeting today. On 4 December 2017, the chairman and vice-chairman, along with the director for adults and wellbeing and the statutory scrutiny officer, attended a meeting with Healthwatch. The work programmes of the committee and of Healthwatch were compared in order to identify any areas of work that would benefit from a joint approach. One example of a service review under consideration was that of learning disability services.

Members are encouraged to consider the Healthwatch update in reviewing the work programme.

- 4 In response to emerging priorities, the work programme has been revised and is appended (appendix a) for consideration. The work programme will continue to be reviewed regularly during the year to allow the committee to respond to particular circumstances. An annual work programming exercise is anticipated for the start of the municipal year 2018/19.
- 5 Should committee members become aware of additional issues for scrutiny during year they are invited to discuss the matter with the chairman and the statutory scrutiny officer.

Community impact

- 6 The topics selected for scrutiny should have regard to what matters to residents of Herefordshire.

Equality duty

- 7 The topics selected need to have regard for equality and human rights issues.

Financial implications

- 8 The costs of the work of the committee will have to be met within existing resources. It should be noted the costs of running scrutiny will be subject to an assessment to support appropriate processes.

Legal implications

- 9 The council is required to deliver a scrutiny function.

Risk management

- 10 There is a reputational risk to the council if the scrutiny function does not operate effectively. The arrangements for the development and review of the work programme should help mitigate this risk.

Consultees

- 11 Scrutiny committee members, officers and partner organisations, contribute to the development of the work programme and are encouraged to continue to do so to ensure the work programme remains relevant.

Appendices

Appendix a Revised work programme January to May 2018

Background papers

None identified.