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| <b>MEETING</b>          | <b>COUNCIL</b>  |
| <b>DATE:</b>            | <b>8 MARCH 2013</b>   |
| <b>TITLE OF REPORT:</b> | <b>ANNUAL REPORT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</b>  |
| <b>REPORT BY:</b>       | <b>HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</b>   |
| <b>MEMBERSHIP:</b>      | <b>JW MILLAR (CHAIRMAN), SJ ROBERTSON (VICE-CHAIR), PA ANDREWS, PL BETTINGTON, WLS BOWEN, MJK COOPER, KS GUTHRIE, JLV KENYON, JG LESTER, MD LLOYD-HAYES, GA POWELL, J STONE, PJ WATTS</b> |

### 1. Classification

Open

### 2. Key Decision

This is not an executive decision

### 3. Wards Affected

County-wide

### 4. Purpose

To inform Council of the work undertaken by the Health and Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee from October 2012 to February 2013.

### 5. Recommendation

**THAT:**

- (a) **the report be noted.**

### 6. Key Points Summary

- Prior to October 2012 Health and Social Care Scrutiny was dealt with by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- Council on 28 September 2012 decided that the former Overview and Scrutiny Committee, which had sole responsibility for all the Council's scrutiny functions, be replaced by two committees, namely: Health and Social Care Overview and Scrutiny

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Further information on the subject of this report is available from Gemma Dean, Scrutiny Officer  
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Committee and General Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

- The new Health and Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee has been in effect since October 2012.

## **7. Alternative Options**

7.1 There are no Alternative Options as the report is for information purposes only.

## **8. Reasons for Recommendations**

8.1 To comply with the requirements of the Council's Constitution.

## **9. Introduction and Background**

9.1 On 15 October 2012 the previous Overview and Scrutiny Committee was decommissioned. The new Health and Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee was established and Councillor JW Millar was elected as Chairman and Councillor SJ Robertson was elected as Vice-Chairman.

9.2 The Health and Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee operates on a monthly cycle and has held four meetings since 16 November 2012 to 7 February 2013.

9.3 An extraordinary meeting was called on 1 February 2013 to consider the budget and in particular, the adult social care budget. This Committee was held in conjunction with the General Overview and Scrutiny Committee as the extra money needed from the budget for adult social care would have a direct effect on other parts of the Council.

9.4 In the short time that the Committee has been established it has had a large amount of complex information to contend with. The health system in the UK is undergoing radical changes in its organisation. New organisations such as the Health and Wellbeing Board and Healthwatch have been created and as such relationships are being established with these new bodies. The way in which healthcare is commissioned and serviced is also changing and this has meant that there have been numerous presentations on the new bodies and ways of working.

9.5 One other topic that has been high on the Committee's agenda is the OFSTED 'inadequate' rating of Herefordshire Council's early help and child protection services (not including Looked-After Children). The Committee has set up a task and finish group to work alongside the Safeguarding Improvement Board. This task and finish group will be a long term one that shall involve extensive training with the Local Government Association and Centre for Public Scrutiny.

9.6 One further major topic of work has been regarding the adult social care budget. As a result of the extra money needed for adult social care, the amount available to the other services within the Council will be decreased. In response to this the Committee established a joint task and finish group and meeting with the General Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The Committee also has regular updates on the Adult Social Care Transformation Plan.

9.7 A summary of the scrutiny work undertaken by the Health and Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee is set out below.

## **Summary of Work Undertaken By Health and Social Care Overview and Scrutiny**

### **Scrutiny Reviews**

9.7 The following in-depth scrutiny reviews have been completed this year by Task and Finish Groups:

- Safeguarding Arrangements For Children (Looked-After Children)

### **Current Scrutiny Reviews**

9.8 Recovery Plan for Safeguarding Children

### **Pre-Decision Scrutiny**

9.9 The following matters were subject to pre-decision scrutiny:

- Use Review – Outdoor Education
- Council Budget for 2013-2014

### **Performance Reports**

9.10 The Committee has received performance reports from the following health bodies:

- Wye Valley Trust
- 2gether

### **Other Matters**

9.11 Other matters brought before the Committee:

- OFSTED Safeguarding Report
- Quarterly Report on the Strategic Plan for the Transformation of Adult Social Care
- Presentations from – Arden, Clinical Commissioning Group, Health and Wellbeing Board and Healthwatch
- 2 x updated reports on Recovery Plan for Safeguarding Children
- The Executive response to the Task and Finish Group on Safeguarding Children

### **Public Participation**

9.12 Public participation is considered a key part of scrutiny. Two questions have been asked by members of the public.

## **10. Background Papers**

10.1 None identified.