

MEETING:	HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
MEETING DATE:	9 June 2015

TITLE OF REPORT:	COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME
REPORT BY:	GOVERNANCE SERVICES MANAGER

1. Classification

Open

2. Key Decision

This is not an executive decision

3. Wards Affected

County-wide

4. Purpose

- 4.1 To note and comment on the Committee's Work Programme and allocate activities to task and finish groups, as deemed necessary.

5. Recommendation

THAT: The work programme as appended be noted, subject to any comments the Committee wished to make.

6. Alternative Options

It is for the Committee to determine its work programme as it sees fit to reflect the priorities facing Herefordshire. Any number of subjects could be included in the work programme. However, the Committee does need to be selective and ensure that the work programme is focused on the key issues, realistic and deliverable within the existing resources available.

7. Reasons for Recommendations

- 7.1 The Committee needs to develop a manageable work programme to ensure that scrutiny is focused, effective and produces clear outcomes.

8. Key Considerations

- 8.1 The Committee is asked to note its work programme and to note progress on current work.

9. Community Impact

- 9.1 The topics selected for scrutiny should have regard to what matters to the County's residents.

10. Equality and Human Rights

- 10.1 The topics selected need to have regard for equality and Human rights issues.

11. Financial Implications

- 11.1 The cost of the work of the Scrutiny 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.

12. Legal Implications

- 12.1 The Council is required to deliver an Overview and Scrutiny function.

13. Risk Management

- 13.1 There is a reputational risk to the Council if the Overview & Scrutiny function does not operate effectively. The arrangements for the development of the work programme should help mitigate this risk.

14. Consultees

- 14.1 Following initial consultations on topics for scrutiny with Directors and Members of the Cabinet, all members of the Council were invited to suggest items for scrutiny.

15. Appendices

- 15.1 Appendix 1 - An outline work programme for the Committee.
Appendix 2 – Forward Plan
Appendix 3 – Task and Finish Group Topic Selection Criteria

16. Background Papers

- 16.1 None identified.