

Meeting:	Health & Social Care Overview & Scrutiny Committee
Meeting date:	29 January 2016
Title of report:	Committee work programme update
Report by:	Governance manager

Classification

Open

Key Decision

This is not an executive decision

Wards Affected

Countywide

Purpose

To consider the committee's work programme for 2016-17.

Recommendation(s)

That

- a) the work programme be considered; and
- b) any additional items be identified for addition to the committee's work programme

Alternative options

- 1 There are no alternative options as the committee needs a work programme. However, 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, and is realistic and deliverable within the existing resources available.

Reasons for recommendations

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

Key considerations

- 3 The committee is asked to note its work programme and to note progress on current work.
- 4 The work programme supports the committee in defining and making known its work for the coming year. This will ensure that matters pertaining to scrutiny are tracked and progressed.

Community impact

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

Equality duty

- 6 The topics selected need to have regard for equality issues.

Financial implications

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

Legal implications

- 8 The council is required to deliver an overview and scrutiny function.

Risk management

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

Consultees

- 10 Following initial consultations on topics for scrutiny with directors and members of the Cabinet, all members of the Council are invited to suggest items for scrutiny.

Appendices

Appendix A – Work programme

Background papers

None identified.