

Report to:	Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Adult Social Care and Health)	Date of Meeting:	5 January 2020
Subject:	Work Programme 2020/21, Scrutiny Review Topics and Key Decision Forward Plan		
Report of:	Chief Legal and Democratic Officer	Wards Affected:	All
Cabinet Portfolio:	Adult Social Care and Health and Wellbeing		
Is this a Key Decision:	No	Included in Forward Plan:	No
Exempt / Confidential Report:	No		

Summary:

To review the Committee's Work Programme for the remainder of the Municipal Year 2020/21; to report on progress of the Mental Health Issues Working Group; to identify any items for pre-scrutiny by the Committee from the latest Key Decision Forward Plan; to receive an update on the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee; and to note the update by Healthwatch.

Recommendations:

That:

- (1) the Work Programme for 2020/21, as set out in Appendix A to the report, be considered, along with any additional items to be included and thereon be agreed;
- (2) the progress made by the Mental Health Issues Working Group be noted;
- (3) items for pre-scrutiny from the Key Decision Forward Plan which fall under the remit of the Committee, as set out in Appendix B to the report, be considered and any agreed items be included in the work programme referred to in (1) above;
- (4) the update on the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee be noted; and
- (5) the recent activities undertaken by Healthwatch Sefton, as outlined in Appendix C to the report, be noted.

Reasons for the Recommendations:

To determine the Work Programme of items to be considered during the Municipal Year 2020/21; to identify scrutiny review topics which would demonstrate that the work of the Overview and Scrutiny “adds value” to the Council; and to comply with a decision of the Committee to update on the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

The pre-scrutiny process assists Cabinet Members to make effective decisions by examining issues before making formal decisions.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: (including any Risk Implications)

No alternative options have been considered as the Overview and Scrutiny Committee needs to approve its Work Programme; to potentially consider scrutiny review topics; and consider other activities in relation to the work of the Committee.

What will it cost and how will it be financed?

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report. Any financial implications arising from the consideration of a key decision or relating to a recommendation arising from a Working Group review will be reported to Members at the appropriate time.

(A) Revenue Costs – see above

(B) Capital Costs – see above

Implications of the Proposals:

Resource Implications (Financial, IT, Staffing and Assets): None
Legal Implications: None
Equality Implications: There are no equality implications.

Contribution to the Council’s Core Purpose:

Protect the most vulnerable: None directly applicable to this report. Reference in the Work Programme to the approval of, and monitoring of recommendations, will contribute towards protecting vulnerable members of Sefton’s communities.
Facilitate confident and resilient communities: None directly applicable to this report
Commission, broker and provide core services: None directly applicable to this report
Place – leadership and influencer: None directly applicable to this report.
Drivers of change and reform: None directly applicable to this report
Facilitate sustainable economic prosperity: None directly applicable to this report
Greater income for social investment: None directly applicable to this report

Cleaner Greener: None directly applicable to this report
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What consultations have taken place on the proposals and when?

(A) Internal Consultations

The Work Programme and Key Decision Forward Plan Report is not subject to FD/LD consultation. Any specific financial and legal implications associated with any subsequent reports will be reported to Members as appropriate.

Relevant Heads of Service have been consulted in the preparation of the Work Programme for the Committee.

(B) External Consultations

Not applicable

Implementation Date for the Decision

Immediately following the Committee meeting.

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Appendices:

The following appendices are attached to this report:

- Appendix A - Work Programme for 2020/21;
- Appendix B – Latest Key Decision Forward Plan items relating to this Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- Appendix C – Update of recent activities undertaken by Healthwatch Sefton.

Background Papers:

There are no background papers available for inspection.

Introduction/Background

1. WORK PROGRAMME 2020/21

- 1.1 The Work Programme of items to be submitted to the Committee for consideration during the remainder of the Municipal Year 2020/21 is attached at **Appendix A** to the report. The programme has been produced in liaison with the appropriate Heads of Service, whose roles fall under the remit of the Committee.
- 1.2 Members are requested to consider whether there are any other items that they wish the Committee to consider, that fall within the terms of reference of the Committee. The Work Programme will be submitted to each meeting of the Committee during 2020/21 and updated, as appropriate.
- 1.3 **The Committee is requested to comment on the Work Programme for the remainder of 2020/21, as appropriate, and note that additional items may be submitted to the Programme at future meetings of the Committee during this Municipal Year.**

2. SCRUTINY REVIEW TOPIC 2020/21

- 2.1 At meeting of the Committee held on 1 September 2020, Members considered that a working group could be established to consider mental health services and the prevention of issues.

- 2.2 The Committee:

“RESOLVED: That

- (2) a working group be established to consider mental health services and the prevention of issues, consisting of Councillors Howard and Roscoe, and Mr. Roger Hutchings, Healthwatch;”

- 2.3 Councillor Roscoe has been appointed as the Lead Member for the Working Group and meetings have been held as follows:

Meeting Date	Activity
20 October 2020	Discussion on the wide remit of mental health and on which documents to consider.
17 November 2020	Consideration of various documents and scoping of the review.
8 December 2020	Consideration of various documents and possible witnesses to interview.

The Terms of Reference and Objectives for the review are as follows:

- (1) data on the number of people waiting to access services.
 - (2) a review of previous strategies – what has worked well and what could be improved.
 - (3) how to recommend greater integration.
 - (4) information on the need for services and the spending profile for services in Sefton.
- 2.4 **The Committee is requested to note the progress made by the Mental Health Issues Working Group;**

3. PRE-SCRUTINY OF ITEMS IN THE KEY DECISION FORWARD PLAN

- 3.1 Members may request to pre-scrutinise items from the Key Decision Forward Plan which fall under the remit (terms of reference) of this Committee. The Forward Plan, which is updated each month, sets out the list of items to be submitted to the Cabinet for consideration during the next four-month period.
- 3.2 The pre-scrutiny process assists the Cabinet Members to make effective decisions by examining issues beforehand and making recommendations prior to a determination being made.
- 3.3 The Overview and Scrutiny Management Board has requested that only those key decisions that fall under the remit of each Overview and Scrutiny Committee should be included on the agenda for consideration.
- 3.4 The latest Forward Plan, published on 30 November 2020, is attached at **Appendix B** for this purpose. For ease of identification, items listed on the Forward Plan for the first time appear as shaded.
- 3.5 There are two items within the current Plan that fall under the remit of the Committee on this occasion, namely:
 - Infection Control Fund; and
 - Parkhaven Court Maghull - Award of Contract for the provision of Extra Care
- 3.6 Should Members require further information in relation to any item on the Key Decision Forward Plan, would they please contact the relevant Officer named against the item in the Plan, prior to the Meeting.
- 3.7 **The Committee is invited to consider items for pre-scrutiny from the Key Decision Forward Plan as set out in Appendix B to the report, which fall under the remit of the Committee and any agreed items be included in the Work Programme referred to in (1) above.**

4. LIVERPOOL CITY REGION COMBINED AUTHORITY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

- 4.1 During the October/November 2019 cycle of meetings, the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board and the four Overview and Scrutiny Committees considered a report on the guidance produced by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government relating to Overview and Scrutiny in Local and Combined Authorities following on from the Communities and Local Government Select Committee's inquiry into Overview and Scrutiny. This Committee considered the matter at its meeting held on 15 October 2019 (Minute No. 32 refers).
- 4.2 The Overview and Scrutiny Management Board and the four Overview and Scrutiny Committees all agreed the recommendations contained in the report, one of which being that updates on Liverpool City Region Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee (LCRCA O&S) be included in the Work Programme report considered at each Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting.
- 4.3 In accordance with the above decision, information on the LCRCA O&S is set out below.

4.4 **Role**

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee was established by the Combined Authority in May 2017 in accordance with the Combined Authorities Order 2017.

The role of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee is to:

- Scrutinise the decision and actions taken by the Combined Authority or the Metro Mayor;
- Provide a "critical friend" to policy and strategy development;
- Undertake scrutiny reviews into areas of strategic importance for the people of the Liverpool City Region; and
- Monitor the delivery of the Combined Authority's strategic plan.

4.5 **Membership**

The Committee is made up of 3 elected Members from each of the constituent Local Authorities of the LCR Combined Authority, along with one elected Member from both the Liverpool City Region Liberal Democrat Group and the Liverpool City Region Conservative Group.

Sefton's appointed Members are Councillors Dowd, Howard and Marshall. Councillor Dowd is Sefton's Scrutiny Link.

Councillors Pugh and Sir Ron Watson are the respective representatives of the Liverpool City Region Liberal Democrat Group and the Liverpool City Region Conservative Group.

4.6 **Chair and Vice-Chair**

The Chair and Vice-Chair of the LCRCA O&S cannot be a Member of the majority group. Councillor Thomas Crone, a Green Party Councillor serving on Liverpool City Council, has been appointed Chair for the 2020/21 Municipal Year. Councillor Andy Corkhill, a Liberal Democrat Councillor serving on Wirral Metropolitan Borough Council, has been appointed Vice-Chair for the 2020/21 Municipal Year.

4.7 Quoracy Issues

A high number of meetings of the LCRCA O&S have been inquorate.

The quorum for meetings of the LCRCAO&S is 14, two-thirds of the total number of members, 20. This high threshold is not set by the Combined Authority but is set out in legislation.

The Combined Authority's Monitoring Officer will be looking to work with the Monitoring Officers from the other Combined Authorities to identify what problems they are experiencing with Scrutiny and how/if they had overcome them. Representations to Government would also be considered once all options locally to resolve the quorum issue had been exhausted. The CA Monitoring Officer would then be able to provide evidence to Government that the quorum level was obstructing the work of scrutiny within the CA.

4.8 Meetings

Information on all meetings and membership of the LCRCAO&S can be obtained using the following link:

<https://moderngov.merseytravel.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CId=365&Year=0>

4 November 2020

The most recent meeting of the LCRCA O&S was held on 4 November 2020, remotely, and the meeting was quorate. The LCRCA O&S was asked to consider the following business:

- Apologies for Absence;
- Declarations of Interest;
- Minutes of the Last Meeting held on 9th September 2020;
- Metro Mayor S Rotheram's Update;
- Youth Unemployment;
- The Liverpool City Region Spatial Development Strategy - Phase 2 Engagement Proposals;
- Finalising the Liverpool City Region's Air Quality Action Plan;
- Overview and Scrutiny Committee Annual Report 2019-20;
- Public Engagement at the Overview and Scrutiny Committee;
- LCR LEP Task and Finish Review - Outcome of Consideration by the LCR LEP Board and the LCR Combined Authority;
- Any Other Business

The Minutes of the above meeting will be made available using the link referred to above, in due course.

The next meeting of the LCRCA O&S is scheduled to be held on 14 January 2021 and will be a budget meeting.

Details of all meetings can be obtained using the link referred to above.

Councillor Howard is a Member of the LCRCA O&S Committee and may wish to comment on the recent meeting and any other activities undertaken by the Committee.

4.9 *The Committee is requested to note the update on the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee.*

5. HEALTHWATCH SEFTON

5.1 An update of recent activities undertaken by Healthwatch Sefton is attached to this report at **Appendix C**, for information.

5.2 *The Committee is requested to note recent activities undertaken by Healthwatch Sefton.*