

Report to:	Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Adult Social Care and Health)	Date of Meeting:	21 June 2022
Subject:	Work Programme 2022/23, Scrutiny Review Topics and Key Decision Forward Plan		
Report of:	Chief Legal and Democratic Officer	Wards Affected:	All
Cabinet Portfolio:	Adult Social Care Health and Wellbeing		
Is this a Key Decision:	No	Included in Forward Plan:	No
Exempt / Confidential Report:	No		

Summary:

To:

- seek the views of the Committee on the draft Work Programme for the Municipal Year 2022/23;
- report on progress of the Mental Health Issues Working Group;
- invite Committee Members to participate in informal briefing sessions during 2022/23, rather than establish a traditional working group;
- note that there are no items for pre-scrutiny within the current Key Decision Forward Plan that fall under the remit of the Committee, on this occasion;
- receive an update on the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee;
- report on progress made by the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee in considering proposals for the reconfiguration of the hyper-acute stroke services across North Merseyside and West Lancashire;
- report on progress made by the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee in considering proposals in relation to clinical service integration for a number of services delivered by Liverpool University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (LUFT); and
- note the update by Healthwatch Sefton.

Recommendations:

That:

- (1) the Work Programme for 2022/23, as set out in Appendix A to the report, be agreed, along with any additional items to be included and thereon be agreed;
- (2) progress made to date on the recommendations made by the Mental Health Issues Working Group, as outlined in Appendix C, be noted;

- (3) rather than establish a traditional working group during 2022/23, all Members of the Committee be invited to participate in informal briefing sessions;
- (4) the fact that there are no items for pre-scrutiny within the current Key Decision Forward Plan that fall under the remit of the Committee, on this occasion, be noted;
- (5) the update on the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee be noted;
- (6) the progress made on the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee (Hyper-Acute Services), be noted;
- (7) the progress made on the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee – Liverpool University Hospitals University Foundation Trust (LUFT), be noted; and
- (8) the recent activities undertaken by Healthwatch Sefton, as outlined in Appendix D to the report, be noted.

Reasons for the Recommendation(s):

To determine the Work Programme of items to be considered during the Municipal Year 2022/23; to identify scrutiny review topics which would demonstrate that the work of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee “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.	
Climate Emergency Implications:	
The recommendations within this report will	
Have a positive impact	No
Have a neutral impact	Yes
Have a negative impact	No
The Author has undertaken the Climate Emergency training for report authors	Yes
There are no direct climate emergency implications arising from this report. Any climate emergency implications arising from the consideration of reports referred to in the Work Programme will be contained in such reports when they are presented to Members at the appropriate time.	

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.

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 – Draft Work Programme for 2022/23;
- Appendix B - Terms of Reference of the Committee, taken from the Council's Constitution
- Appendix C - Developments on the Mental Health Services Review
- Appendix D - Update of recent activities undertaken by Healthwatch Sefton.

Background Papers:

There are no background papers available for inspection.

Introduction/Background

1. WORK PROGRAMME 2022/23

- 1.1 The proposed Work Programme of items to be submitted to the Committee for consideration during the Municipal Year 2022/23 is set out 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 (set out in **Appendix B**) of the Committee. The Work Programme will be submitted to each meeting of the Committee during 2022/23 and updated, as appropriate.
- 1.3 **The Committee is requested to comment on the Work Programme for 2022/23 and note that additional items may be submitted to the Programme at future meetings of the Committee during this Municipal Year.**

2. SCRUTINY REVIEW TOPICS 2020/21 – MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES WORKING GROUP

- 2.1 During 2020/21, the Committee established a Mental Health Issues Working Group. The Final Report of the Working Group can be found here: [Sefton Home](#)

2.2 Information outlining progress of the recommendations made by the Mental Health Issues Working Group and developments on the Mental Health Services Review is attached at **Appendix C**.

2.3 **The Committee is requested to note the progress of the recommendations made by the Mental Health Issues Working Group.**

3. SCRUTINY REVIEW TOPICS 2022/23

3.1 It is good practise for Overview and Scrutiny Committees to appoint a Working Group to undertake a scrutiny review of services during the Municipal Year.

3.2 During 2021/22, the Executive Director of Adult Social Care and Health suggested that rather than establish a traditional working group during 2021/22, all Members of the Committee could be invited to participate in informal briefings on the work on the Integrated Care Partnership and other developments in health and social care.

3.3 The Executive Director of Adult Social Care and Health has suggested that this approach is continued and informal briefings for all Members of the Committee on useful information could continue.

3.4 **The Committee is requested to agree to hold informal briefing sessions, rather than establish a traditional working group during 2022/23.**

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

4.1 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.

4.2 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.

4.3 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.

4.4 There are no items within the current Plan that fall under the remit of the Committee on this occasion.

4.5 **The Committee is requested to note that there are no items for pre-scrutiny within the current Key Decision Forward Plan that fall under the remit of the Committee, on this occasion.**

5. LIVERPOOL CITY REGION COMBINED AUTHORITY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

5.1 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).

5.2 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.

5.3 In accordance with the above decision, information on the LCRCA O&S is set out below.

5.4 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.

5.5 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 Howard, Hansen and Waterfield (Scrutiny Link).

Representatives of the Liberal Democrat Group and Conservative group on the Committee will be reported to Members at the next meeting.

5.6 Chair and Vice-Chair

The Chair of the LCRCAO&S cannot be a Member of the majority group. The Chair will be appointed at the first meeting of the Committee on 13 July 2022.

5.7 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. This has on occasion caused meetings to be inquorate.

5.8 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>

Latest Meeting - 12 April 2022

The latest meeting of the LCRCAO&S was held on 12 April 2022.

Matters considered at the meeting related to:

- Metro Mayor S Rotheram's Update
- Apprenticeship Task and Finish Group - Final Report
- Overview and Scrutiny Committee Self-Assessment

The next meeting of the LCRCAO&S will be held on 13 July 2022. Matters discussed at this meeting will be reported to Members at the next meeting of the Committee.

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

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

6. **JOINT HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (HYPER-ACUTE SERVICES)**

6.1 At the Special Meeting of the Committee held on 27 July 2021, the Committee considered proposals for the reconfiguration of the hyper-acute stroke services across North Merseyside and West Lancashire and agreed:

“That the Committee considers that the proposals for the reconfiguration of the hyper-acute stroke services across North Merseyside constitute a substantial development / variation in services for Sefton residents.” (Minute No. 16 refers).

6.2 Other local authorities consulted also agreed that the reconfiguration of the hyper-acute stroke services across North Merseyside constituted a substantial

development / variation in services for residents. The other local authorities affected are Knowsley, Liverpool and West Lancashire Councils.

6.3 A Joint Health Scrutiny Committee has now been established, comprised of Members from the 4 local authorities consulted, to consider proposals for the reconfiguration of the hyper-acute stroke services across North Merseyside and West Lancashire.

6.4 In accordance with the decision made by the Cabinet in relation to the Appointment to Outside Bodies 2022/23, on 26 May 2022, Sefton's representatives on the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee for 2022/23 are as follows:

- Chair (Councillor Thomas) of the O & S Committee (Adult Social Care) and one LD&PA Member (Councillor Brodie-Browne) (Lab 1LD&PA 1) (Minute No. 6 refers).

6.5 Meetings of the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee have taken place as follows:

- 11 November 2021;
- 28 January 2022;
- 1 March 2022; and
- 11 May 2022.

6.6 Details of meetings held to date can be obtained using the link below:

[Browse meetings - Joint Health Scrutiny Committee \(Hyper-Acute Stroke Services\) - Liverpool City Council](#)

Any further developments will be reported to the Committee, as and when they occur.

6.7 **The Committee is requested to note the progress made on the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee (Hyper-Acute Services).**

7. JOINT HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION TRUST (LUFT)

7.1 At the Special Meeting of the Committee held on 31 January 2022, the Committee considered proposals in relation to clinical service integration for a number of services delivered by Liverpool University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (LUFT), and agreed:

“That the Committee considers that the each of the proposals detailed in Appendix A to the report constitute a substantial development / variation in services delivered by Liverpool University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, for Sefton residents.” (Minute No. 41 refers).

7.2 Other local authorities consulted also agreed that the proposals constituted a substantial development / variation in services delivered by Liverpool University

Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, for their residents. The other local authorities affected are Knowsley and Liverpool Councils. The proposed reconfiguration schemes are in relation to:

- General surgery;
- Vascular services;
- Breast services;
- Nephrology services; and
- Urology services.

7.3 A Joint Health Scrutiny Committee has now been established, comprised of Members from the 3 local authorities consulted, to consider proposals in relation to clinical service integration for a number of services delivered by Liverpool University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (LUFT).

7.4 In accordance with the decision made by the Cabinet in relation to the Appointment to Outside Bodies 2022/23, on 26 May 2022, Sefton's representatives on the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee for 2022/23 are as follows:

- Chair (Councillor Thomas) and Vice Chair (Councillor Myers) of the O & S Committee (Adult Social Care) and one LMAL Member (Councillor XXXX) (Lab 2/LMAL 1)

- (3) the vacant position on the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee (where 3 or less local authorities request scrutiny of a substantial variation to a service), as referred to in paragraph 5 of the report, be nominated from the Labour Group; (Minute No. 6 refers).

7.5 One meeting of the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee has taken place to date, as follows:

- 22 March 2022.

7.6 Details of meetings held to date can be obtained using the link below:

[Browse meetings - Joint Health Scrutiny Committee \(LUHFT Clinical Services Reconfiguration\) - Liverpool City Council](#)

Any further developments will be reported to the Committee, as and when they occur.

7.7 The Committee is requested to note the progress made on the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee – Liverpool University Hospitals University Foundation Trust (LUFT)

8. HEALTHWATCH SEFTON

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

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