

Report to:	Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Adult Social Care and Health)	Date of Meeting:	18 October 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:

- review the Committee's Work Programme for the remainder of the Municipal Year 2022/23;
- to identify any items for pre-scrutiny by the Committee from the Key Decision Forward Plan;
- report on progress of informal briefing sessions for Committee Members to be held during 2022/23;
- 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);
- report on progress of the Joint Cheshire and Merseyside Scrutiny Committee, established to scrutinise the work of the Cheshire and Merseyside Integrated Care Board; and
- note the update by Healthwatch Sefton.

Recommendations:

That:

- (1) the Work Programme for 2021/22, as set out in Appendix A to the report, be noted, along with any additional items to be included and thereon be agreed;

- (2) items for pre-scrutiny from the Key Decision Forward Plan which fall under the remit of the Committee, as set out in Appendix C to the report, be considered and any agreed items be included in the work programme referred to in (1) above;
- (3) progress of informal briefing sessions for Committee Members to be held during 2022/23 be noted and Members be requested to indicate whether there are any further informal briefing sessions they would wish to be arranged.
- (4) the update on the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee be noted;
- (5) the progress made on the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee (Hyper-Acute Services), be noted;
- (6) the progress made on the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee – Liverpool University Hospitals University Foundation Trust (LUFT), be noted;
- (7) The progress of the Joint Cheshire and Merseyside Scrutiny Committee, established to scrutinise the work of the Cheshire and Merseyside Integrated Care Board, 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 - Work Programme for 2022/23;
- Appendix B - Terms of Reference of the Committee, taken from the Council's Constitution
- Appendix C - Latest Key Decision Forward Plan items relating to this Overview and Scrutiny Committee;
- 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 Work Programme of items to be submitted to the Committee for consideration during the remainder of the Municipal Year 2022/23 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. The programme was approved by the Committee at its meeting held on 21 June 2022.
- 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, as appropriate, and note that additional items may be submitted to the Programme at future meetings of the Committee during this Municipal Year.**

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

2.1 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.

2.2 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.

2.3 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.

2.4 The latest Forward Plan, published on 30 September 2022, for the four-month period 1 November 2022 – 28 February 2023, is attached at **Appendix C** for this purpose. For ease of identification, items listed on the Forward Plan for the first time appear as shaded.

2.5 There are three items within the current Plan that falls under the remit of the Committee on this occasion, namely:

- Active Sefton Leisure Management System Business Case
- Sefton Carers Centre
- Integrated Employment Service

2.6 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.

2.7 **The Committee is invited to consider items for pre-scrutiny from the Key Decision Forward Plan as set out in Appendix C 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.**

3. SCRUTINY REVIEW TOPICS 2022/23 – INFORMAL BRIEFING SESSIONS

3.1 At the meeting of the Committee held on 21 June 2022, it was agreed that:

“(3) rather than establish a traditional working group during 2022/23, all Members of the Committee be invited to participate in informal briefing

sessions, and consideration be given to the suggestions raised above;”
(Minute No. 8 (3) of 21/06/22 refers).

3.2 Suggestions for informal briefing sessions have included the following:

- GP practices, to be delivered by the Sefton Clinical Commissioning Groups;
- Health inequalities, to be delivered by Public Health;
- Inviting representatives from the following organisations:
 - Liverpool University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust;
 - North West Ambulance Service – particularly regarding developments with the acute stroke service.
 - Primary Care Networks; and
 - Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust.
- Care Quality Commission (CQC) inspection of Adult Social Care.

3.3 NHS Cheshire and Merseyside, Sefton (formerly the CCGs) delivered an informal briefing session on primary care and GP practices to Committee Members on 20 September 2022.

3.4 At the time of drafting this report, an informal workshop session for Committee Members on health inequalities is scheduled for 16 November 2022 and further information will be provided to Committee Members in due course.

3.5 The Committee is requested to note the progress of informal briefing sessions for Committee Members to be held during 2022/23, and indicate if there are any further briefing sessions they would wish to be arranged.

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 three 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 Hansen, Howard and Waterfield. Councillor Howard is Sefton’s Scrutiny Link.

4.6 Chair and Vice-Chair

The Chair and Vice-Chair of the LCRCAO&S cannot be Members of the majority group. Councillor Steve Radford, a Liberal Party and Independent Group Councillor serving on Liverpool City Council has been appointed Chair for the 2022/23 Municipal Year; and Councillor Pat Moloney, a Liberal Democrat Councillor serving on Liverpool City Council has been appointed Vice-Chair.

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 fourteen, 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.

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>

Latest Meeting – 7 September 2022

The latest meeting of the LCRCAO&S was held on 7 September 2022 and the Committee considered the following items:

- Portfolio Holder Update - Business Support
- Race Equality Programme

- Recommendations of the Improving Disability Employment Opportunities in the Liverpool City Region Task and Finish Group
- Work Programme Update

The next meeting of the LCRCOA&S will be held on 9 November 2022. At the time of drafting this report the agenda for the meeting has not yet been published. 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

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

5. JOINT HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (HYPER-ACUTE SERVICES)

5.1 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).

5.2 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.

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

5.4 For 2021/22 Councillors Myers and Thomas were Sefton’s representatives on the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee. Sefton’s representatives on the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee for 2022/23 were Councillor Thomas and Councillor Brodie-Browne).

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

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

5.6 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](#)

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

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

6.1 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).

6.2 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.

6.3 A Joint Health Scrutiny Committee was established, comprised of Members from the three 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).

6.4 Sefton’s representatives on the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee for 2022/23 were as follows:

- Chair (Councillor Thomas);
- Vice Chair (Councillor Myers) of the O & S Committee (Adult Social Care); and
- Councillor Brough (the Labour Group offered the place to Councillor Brough in order to retain continuity on the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee).

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

- 22 March 2022; and
- 30 September 2022.

6.6 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](#)

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

7. JOINT CHESHIRE AND MERSEYSIDE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

- 7.1 On 1 July 2022 the Health and Care Act required the Cheshire and Merseyside Integrated Care Board to commence operation.
- 7.2 A Joint Cheshire and Merseyside Scrutiny Committee has now been established to scrutinise the work of the Cheshire and Merseyside Integrated Care Board, comprised of representatives of local authorities from Cheshire and Merseyside. Sefton's representatives are Councillors Brodie-Browne and Thomas.
- 7.3 Knowsley MBC will be acting as secretariat to the Joint Cheshire and Merseyside Scrutiny Committee and it is anticipated that agendas and Minutes of meetings of the Joint Scrutiny Committee will be included on the website once formal meetings commence.
- 7.4 A Member Induction Session for the Joint Cheshire and Merseyside Scrutiny Committee took place on 30 September 2022 and it is anticipated that the first formal meeting of the Joint Scrutiny Committee will take place early in November 2022.
- 7.5 **The Committee is requested to note the progress of the Joint Cheshire and Merseyside Scrutiny Committee, established to scrutinise the work of the Cheshire and Merseyside Integrated Care Board.**

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.***