

<b>Report to:</b>	Overview and Scrutiny Committee  (Adult Social Care and Health)	<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	3 January 2023
<b>Subject:</b>	Work Programme 2022/23, Scrutiny Review Topics and Key Decision Forward Plan		
<b>Report of:</b>	Chief Legal and Democratic Officer	<b>Wards Affected:</b>	All
<b>Cabinet Portfolio:</b>	Adult Social Care Health and Wellbeing		
<b>Is this a Key Decision:</b>	No	<b>Included in Forward Plan:</b>	No
<b>Exempt / Confidential Report:</b>	No		

### Summary:

To:

- review the Committee's Work Programme for the remainder of the Municipal Year 2022/23;
- note that there are no items for pre-scrutiny by the Committee from the latest Key Decision Forward Plan;
- report on progress of informal briefing sessions for Committee Members held during 2022/23 to date and indicate if there are any further briefing sessions that Members would wish to be arranged;
- agree the recommendations made at the informal workshop session for Committee Members on health inequalities;
- receive an update on the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee;
- receive an update on the Joint Cheshire and Merseyside Scrutiny Committee, established to scrutinise the work of the Cheshire and Merseyside Integrated Care Board;
- consider the process to be undertaken during 2023 regarding draft Quality Accounts; and
- receive an 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) the fact that there are no items for pre-scrutiny from the Key Decision Forward Plan that fall under the remit of the Committee, on this occasion, be noted;

- (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 Public Health Director be requested to submit the Public Health Outcomes Framework to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Adult Social Care and Health) on a six-monthly basis, for information;
- (5) the Head of Highways and Public Protection be requested to investigate the possibility of obtaining information on sales of vaping products, with a view to the Public Health Director identifying possible trends;
- (6) the update on the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee be noted;
- (7) the update on the Joint Cheshire and Merseyside Scrutiny Committee, established to scrutinise the work of the Cheshire and Merseyside Integrated Care Board, be noted;
- (8) consideration of draft Quality Accounts during 2023 be delegated to the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee, in consultation with the Healthwatch representatives; and
- (9) the recent activities undertaken by Healthwatch Sefton, as outlined in Appendix B 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:**

<b>Resource Implications (Financial, IT, Staffing and Assets):</b> None	
<b>Legal Implications:</b> None	
<b>Equality Implications:</b> There are no equality implications.	
<b>Climate Emergency Implications:</b>	
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 - 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 of the Committee. The Work Programme will be submitted to each meeting of the Committee during 2022/23 and updated, as appropriate.
- 1.3 Previous suggestions for formal agenda items have included the following:

- Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust, for general update;
- NHS Cheshire and Merseyside Place Plan;
- update on primary care estate strategy; and
- a full report on the Cheshire and Merseyside Cancer Alliance.

1.4 **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 November 2022, for the four-month period 1 January – 30 April 2023, contains no key decisions that fall under the remit of the Committee.

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

## **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 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.

3.3 An informal workshop session for Committee Members on health inequalities and the Public Health Outcomes & Performance and Framework Indicators was delivered by the Director of Public Health on 16 November 2022 and the requests arising from the session are set out within paragraph 4 below.

### 3.4 The Committee is requested to:

- **note the progress of informal briefing sessions for Committee Members held during 2022/23; and**
- **indicate if there are any further briefing sessions that Members would wish to be arranged.**

## 4. **RECOMMENDATIONS ARISING FROM THE INFORMAL WORKSHOP SESSION ON THE PUBLIC HEALTH OUTCOMES & PERFORMANCE AND FRAMEWORK INDICATORS**

4.1 An informal workshop session for Committee Members on health inequalities and the Public Health Outcomes & Performance and Framework Indicators was delivered by the Director of Public Health on 16 November 2022. As a result of the session, the following requests were made:

(1) the Public Health Outcomes Framework could be submitted to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Adult Social Care and Health) on a six-monthly basis, for information; and

(2) the possibility of obtaining information on sales of vaping products, with a view to identifying possible trends, could be investigated.

4.2 **The Committee is requested to agree the recommendations made at the informal workshop session for Committee Members on health inequalities, namely that:**

**(1) the Public Health Director be requested to submit the Public Health Outcomes Framework to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Adult Social Care and Health) on a six-monthly basis, for information; and**

**(2) the Head of Highways and Public Protection be requested to investigate the possibility of obtaining information on sales of vaping products, with a view to the Public Health Director identifying possible trends.**

## 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 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.

#### 5.6 **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.

#### 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 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.

#### 5.8 **Meetings**

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

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

### **Latest Meeting – 1 December 2022**

The latest meeting of the LCRCAO&S was held on 1 December 2022 and the Committee considered the following items:

- Development of the Next Local Transport Plan for the Liverpool City Region
- Work Programme Update

The next meeting of the LCRCAO&S will be held on 19 January 2022. At the time of drafting this report the agenda for the meeting has not yet been published. Matters discussed at the 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. CHESHIRE AND MERSEYSIDE INTEGRATED CARE SYSTEM JOINT HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

- 6.1 On 1 July 2022 the Health and Care Act required the Cheshire and Merseyside Integrated Care Board to commence operation.
- 6.2 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 Councillor Brodie-Browne and Councillor Lunn-Bates.
- 6.3 Knowsley MBC is acting as secretariat to the Joint Cheshire and Merseyside Scrutiny Committee and agendas and Minutes of formal meetings of the Joint Scrutiny Committee are included on their website.
- 6.4 The Inaugural Meeting of the Cheshire and Merseyside Integrated Care System Joint Health Scrutiny Committee was held on 11th November 2022, in Huyton and the following agenda items were considered:
- Appointment of Chairperson of the Committee for 2022/23
  - Appointment Of Vice-Chairperson of the Committee for 2022/23
  - Joint Health Scrutiny Committee Arrangements and Adoption of Rules of Procedure
  - Cheshire and Merseyside Integrated Care System Update Report
  - Joint Health Scrutiny Committee Work Programme for 2022/23



- 6.5 Councillor Michelle Sweeney of St. Helens Council was appointed as the Chair of the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee for 2022/23 and Councillor Kate Cernik of Cheshire West and Chester Council was appointed as the Vice-Chair.
- 6.6 Details of the meeting of the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee can be found via the following link:

[Browse meetings - Cheshire and Merseyside Integrated Care System Joint Health Scrutiny Committee - Knowsley Council](#)

- 6.7 The next meeting of the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee is likely to be held during March 2023, on a date to be confirmed.

**6.8 The Committee is requested to note the update on the Cheshire and Merseyside Integrated Care System Joint Health Scrutiny Committee.**

## **7. DRAFT QUALITY ACCOUNTS - PROCESS TO BE UNDERTAKEN IN 2023**

- 7.1 Quality Accounts are annual reports from providers of NHS healthcare organisations about the quality of the services provided and are available for the public to view.

- 7.2 Draft Quality Accounts are usually submitted during May of each year from various NHS Trusts to the Committee for consideration. There is a statutory duty for health providers to produce draft Quality accounts, whereas any comments on the draft Quality Accounts by Overview and Scrutiny Committees are discretionary.

- 7.3 During 2022, the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee considered the draft Quality Accounts from the following Trusts, in conjunction with the Healthwatch representatives who sit on the Committee:

- Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust
- Liverpool University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (LUFT)

**7.4 *The Committee is requested to delegate the consideration of draft Quality Accounts during 2023 to the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee, in consultation with the Healthwatch representatives.***

## **8. HEALTHWATCH SEFTON**

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

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