

Report to:	Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Adult Social Care and Health)	Date of Meeting:	5 September 2023
Subject:	Work Programme 2023/24, 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 Work Programme for the remainder of the Municipal Year 2023/24;
- identify any items for pre-scrutiny by the Committee from the Key Decision Forward Plan;
- seek the views of the Committee on the Programme of informal briefings/workshop sessions for the remainder of 2023/24,
- consider if there are any site visits that Committee Members would wish to undertake during 2023/24;
- note the intention for the Local Government Association to provide training from Members and Substitutes of the Committee;
- receive an update on the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee;
- receive an update on the Cheshire and Merseyside Integrated Care System Joint Health Scrutiny Committee; and
- note the update by Healthwatch Sefton.

Recommendations:

That:

- (1) the draft Work Programme for 2023/24, as set out in Appendix A to the report, be agreed, 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 B to the report, be considered and any agreed items be included in the work programme referred to in (1)

above;

- (3) the Programme of informal briefings/workshop sessions for 2023/24, as set out at Appendix C to the report, be noted, along with any additional informal items to be included and thereon be agreed;
- (4) Committee Members be requested to consider if there are any site visits that they would wish to undertake during 2023/24;
- (5) the intention for the Local Government Association to provide training from Members and Substitutes of the Committee be noted;
- (6) the update on the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee be noted;
- (7) the update on the Cheshire and Merseyside Integrated Care System Joint Health Scrutiny Committee 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 consider the Work Programme of items to be considered during the remainder of the Municipal Year 2023/24; 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.								
<p>Impact on Children and Young People: No</p> <p>Any implications on the impact on children and young people 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.</p>								
<p>Climate Emergency Implications:</p> <p>The recommendations within this report will</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Have a positive impact</td> <td>No</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Have a neutral impact</td> <td>Yes</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Have a negative impact</td> <td>No</td> </tr> <tr> <td>The Author has undertaken the Climate Emergency training for report authors</td> <td>Yes</td> </tr> </table> <p>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.</p>	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
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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 2023/24;
- Appendix B - Latest Key Decision Forward Plan items relating to this Overview and Scrutiny Committee;
- Appendix C – Draft Programme of informal briefings/workshop sessions for 2023/24;
- 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 2023/24

- 1.1 The Work Programme of items to be submitted to the Committee for consideration during the remainder of the Municipal Year 2023/24 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 of the Committee. The Work Programme will be submitted to each meeting of the Committee during 2023/24 and updated, as appropriate.

1.3 **The Committee is requested to comment on the Work Programme for 2023/24, as set out at Appendix A, 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 most recent Forward Plan was published on **31 July** 2023 and covers the period 1 **September** – 31 **December** 2023. A copy is attached at **Appendix B**. For ease of identification, items listed on the Forward Plan for the first time appear as shaded.

2.5 There is just one item within the current Plan that falls under the remit of the Committee on this occasion, namely:

- Day Services Update

2.7 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.

2.8 The next Key Decision Forward Plan will be published on 31 August 2023, and any additional items on the new Plan that fall under the remit of the Committee will be circulated.

2.9 **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.**

3. SCRUTINY REVIEW TOPICS / INFORMAL BRIEFINGS 2023/24

3.1 It is good practise for Overview and Scrutiny Committees to undertake an in-depth scrutiny review of services during the Municipal Year.

3.2 At the meeting held on 20 June 2023, it was agreed that rather than establish a traditional working group, all Members of the Committee could be invited to

participate in informal briefings/workshop sessions on developments in health and social care.

- 3.3 The agreed Programme of informal briefings/workshop sessions for 2023/24 is set out at **Appendix C** to the report.

Workshop on CQC Assessment re: Adult Social Care

The above has now been scheduled to be held on **5 October 2023**

Primary Care

At the time of drafting this report arrangements for an informal session are being considered and a session is likely to be held during September 2023.

- 3.4 **The Committee is requested to comment on the Programme of informal briefings/workshop sessions for 2023/24, as set out at Appendix C to the report, and note that additional informal items may be submitted to the Programme at future meetings of the Committee during this Municipal Year.**

4. SITE VISITS

- 4.1 Prior to the pandemic, it was customary practice for Committee Members to undertake site visits to places of interest to view services, meet relevant staff, etc. This practice has faded since 2020, and it is now considered safe to undertake such visits.
- 4.2 **The Committee is requested to consider if there are any site visits to venues that Members would wish to undertake during 2023/24.**

5. TRAINING

- 5.1 Negotiations are currently underway with the Local Government Association (LGA) for the provision of dedicated training for Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Adult Social Care and Health) Committee Members and Substitutes and it is anticipated that this will be held during Autumn 2023.
- 5.2 **The Committee is requested to note the intention for the Local Government Association to provide training from Members and Substitutes of the Committee;**

6. LIVERPOOL CITY REGION COMBINED AUTHORITY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

- 6.1 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).

6.2 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.

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

6.4 **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.

6.5 **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 Desmond, Hart and Howard (Scrutiny Link).

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

6.6 **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 21 June 2022,

6.7 **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.

6.8 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 – 5 July 2023

The latest meeting of the LCRCAO&S was held on 5 July 2023.

Matters considered at the meeting related to the following items:

1. Appointment of Chairperson
2. Appointment of Vice-Chairperson
3. Apologies for Absence
4. Declarations of Interest
5. Minutes of the Meetings of the LCR Overview And Scrutiny Committee Held on:
 - 7 September 2022
 - 1 December 2022 (Inquorate meeting)
 - 19 January 2023 (Inquorate meeting)
 - 1 March 2023 (Inquorate meeting)
6. Work Programme 2023-24
7. Appointments of Scrutiny Members to the Audit and Governance Committee 2023/24
8. Liverpool City Region Combined Authority Corporate Plan 2021-24: Quarter 4 2022-23 Performance Update
9. Update on the Liverpool City Region Bus Franchising Consultation

At the time of drafting this report, the next meeting of the LCRCAO&S will be held on 6 September 2023. 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

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

7. CHESHIRE AND MERSEYSIDE INTEGRATED CARE SYSTEM JOINT HEALTH 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.

7.3 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.

7.4 Meetings of the Cheshire and Merseyside Integrated Care System Joint Health Scrutiny Committee have been held as follows:

- 11 November 2022
- 10 March 2023 (Postponed)
- 23 March 2023
- 14 July 2023

The next meeting of the Cheshire and Merseyside Integrated Care System Joint Health Scrutiny Committee is scheduled for 6 October, Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Huyton, at 2.00 p.m.

7.5 Details of all the meetings 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](#)

7.7 The Cabinet has appointed Councillor Desmond and Councillor Lunn-Bates to be Sefton's representatives during 2023/24

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

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.*