

Report to:	Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Children's Services and Safeguarding)	Date of Meeting:	5 December 2017
Subject:	Work Programme 2017/18, Scrutiny Review Topics and Key Decision Forward Plan		
Report of:	Head of Regulation and Compliance	Wards Affected:	All
Cabinet Portfolio:	Children's Services and Safeguarding		
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 2017/18; note the progress made to date by Working Groups appointed by the Committee; and identify any items for pre-scrutiny scrutiny by the Committee from the Key Decision Forward Plan.

Recommendations:

That:-

- (1) the Work Programme for 2017/18, as set out in Appendix A to the report, be considered, along with any additional items to be included and agreed;
- (2) The Committee is requested to note the progress made to date by the Working Groups appointed;
- (3) the Committee considers 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) The Committee is requested to note that the final decision regarding the issue of substantial reconfiguration, in relation to the review of services provided by Liverpool Women's Hospital, will now be considered by the full Council at its meeting scheduled for 25 January 2017.

Reasons for the Recommendation(s):

To determine the Work Programme of items to be considered during the Municipal Year 2017/18 and update on work that falls under the remit of the 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 and identify scrutiny review topics.

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 but reference in the Work Programme to various reports could impact on the Council's Core Purposes in which case they will be referred to in the report when submitted.
Facilitate confident and resilient communities: As Above
Commission, broker and provide core services: As Above
Place – leadership and influencer: As Above
Drivers of change and reform: As Above
Facilitate sustainable economic prosperity: As Above
Greater income for social investment: As Above
Cleaner Greener: As Above

What consultations have taken place on the proposals and when?

(A) Internal Consultations

The Work Programme Report is not subject to FD/LD consultation. Any specific financial and legal implications associated with any subsequent reports arising from the Work Programme report will be included in those reports as appropriate

(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:-

- Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme for 2017/18 – Appendix A
- Latest Key Decision Forward Plan items relating to this Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Appendix B

Background Papers:

There are no background papers available for inspection.

Introduction/Background

1. WORK PROGRAMME 2017/18

- 1.1 The proposed Work Programme of items to be submitted to the Committee for consideration during the Municipal Year 2017/18 is set out in **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 2017/18 and updated, as appropriate.
- 1.3 **The Committee is requested to comment on the Work Programme for 2017/18 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 2017/18

Children and Adolescent Mental Health Service

- 2.1 The Committee has one outstanding Working Group in relation to the Children and Adolescent Mental Health Service. At the time of drafting this report it is anticipated that the Final Report will appear elsewhere on the agenda.

Special Educational Needs and Disability Process of Assessment

2.2 At its last meeting held on 26 September 2017, the Committee established a Working Group on Special Educational Needs and Disability Process of Assessment, and the following Members were appointed to serve on the Working Group:-

- Councillor Spencer, Sandra Cain, Carrie Ryan-Palmer and Libby Kitt.

2.3 In accordance with the wishes of the Committee, Members who were not present at the last Committee meeting were contacted to seek their interest in serving on the Working Group and the following Members have indicated an interest:-

- Councillors Bennet and Brenda O'Brien,

2.4 At the time of drafting this report, a draft scoping document for the review has been prepared and availability of the Members listed above has been sought.

2.5 As difficulties have arisen in seeking availability for an initial meeting of the Working Group, the Members concerned are requested to bring their diaries to the meeting of the Committee and an informal discussion will take place at the conclusion of the meeting.

2.6 The Committee is requested to note the progress made to date by the Working Groups appointed.

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 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 3 items within the current Plan that fall under the remit of the Committee on this occasion, namely:-

- Regionalisation of Adoption - Adoption in Merseyside Final Report;
- The Development of Family Wellbeing Centres; and
- Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services Working Group.

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. REVIEW OF SERVICES PROVIDED BY LIVERPOOL WOMEN'S HOSPITAL - ISSUE OF SUBSTANTIAL RECONFIGURATION

4.1 A Joint Meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Adult Social Care and Health) and the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Children's Services and Safeguarding) was held on 12 October 2017, to consider the issue of substantial reconfiguration, in relation to the review of services provided by Liverpool Women's Hospital.

4.2 The Joint Committee agreed that the proposals were a substantial variation in services, although the decision was not unanimous and a number of Members abstained, due to the lack of clarity regarding the proposals at the meeting.

4.3 Since the Joint meeting on 12 October 2017, relevant officers have sought clarification regarding the proposals, as the Council's Constitution requires the full Council to make the ultimate decision on the matter.

4.4 Information has been received from the Healthy Liverpool Programme that the matter is currently being discussed, with a view to obtaining absolute clarity on the single option. The Healthy Liverpool Programme has requested Sefton's full Council to defer a final decision on the matter until the meeting of the Council scheduled for 25 January 2017.

4.5 The Committee is requested to note that the final decision regarding the issue of substantial reconfiguration, in relation to the review of services provided by Liverpool Women's Hospital, will now be considered by the full Council at its meeting scheduled for 25 January 2017.