

Report to:	Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Adult Social Care and Health)	Date of Meeting:	7 January 2020
Subject:	Work Programme 2019/20, Scrutiny Review Topics and Key Decision Forward Plan		
Report of:	Chief Legal and Democratic Officer	Wards Affected:	All
Cabinet Portfolio:	Adult Social Care and 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 2019/20; to identify any items for pre-scrutiny by the Committee from the latest Key Decision Forward Plan; to consider the process to be undertaken during 2020 regarding draft Quality Accounts; and to receive an update on the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Recommendations:

That:

- (1) the Work Programme for 2019/20, as set out in Appendix A to the report, be considered, along with any additional items to be included and thereon be agreed;
- (2) items for pre-scrutiny from the Key Decision Forward Plan that 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) consideration of the arrangements to scrutinise draft Quality Accounts during 2020 be delegated to the Chair of the Committee and once the process has been determined, Committee Members will be informed of the arrangements; and
- (4) the update on the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee be noted.

Reasons for the Recommendation(s):

To determine the Work Programme of items to be considered during the Municipal Year 2019/20; identify any scrutiny review topics which would demonstrate that the work of the Overview and Scrutiny “adds value” to the Council; 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. Reference in the Work Programme to the approval of and monitoring of recommendations relating to this Purpose will help to protect 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

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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 arising from the consideration of a key decision will be subsequently reported to Members in an appropriate manner.

(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 2019/20;
- Appendix B - Latest Key Decision Forward Plan items relating to this Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Background Papers:

There are no background papers available for inspection.

Introduction/Background

1. WORK PROGRAMME 2019/20

- 1.1 The Work Programme of items to be submitted to the Committee for consideration during the remainder of the Municipal Year 2019/20 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.
- 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 2019/20 and updated, as appropriate.
- 1.3 **The Committee is requested to comment on the Work Programme for the remainder of 2019/20, 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 29 November 2019 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.
- 2.5 There are 2 items within the current Plan that fall under the remit of the Committee on this occasion, namely:
- The Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2020 – 2025; and
 - Adult Social Care – Residential and Nursing Care.
- 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 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. DRAFT QUALITY ACCOUNTS - PROCESS TO BE UNDERTAKEN IN 2020

- 3.1 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.
- 3.2 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.

- 3.3 During 2019, Committee Members agreed to hold an informal daytime meeting on 10 May 2019, to consider the draft Quality Account from the following Providers:
- Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust (insofar as it related to community health service provision in the north of the Borough).
 - Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust (insofar as it related to community health service provision in the south of the Borough).
 - Royal Liverpool and Broadgreen University Hospitals NHS Trust
 - Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust.
- 3.4 A representative of the Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) was invited to attend the meetings, together with Healthwatch representatives, as Healthwatch is also invited to comment on draft Quality Accounts by NHS Trusts.
- 3.5 For consideration of the draft Quality Accounts during 2020, the Committee is requested to delegate authority to the Chair of the Committee. An informal meeting of the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee is scheduled to take place on 15 January 2020, together with representatives of Healthwatch Sefton. Detailed consideration will take place at that meeting. Once the process has been determined, arrangements will be put in place and Committee Members will be informed.
- 3.6 *The Committee is requested to agree the process to be undertaken during 2020 regarding draft Quality Accounts, as outlined in paragraph 3.5 above.***

4. LIVERPOOL CITY REGION COMBINED AUTHORITY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

- 4.1 During the last 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 (LCRCAO&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 LCRCAO&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 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 Dowd, Howard and Marshall. Councillor Dowd is Sefton's Scrutiny Link.

Councillors Pugh and Sir Ron Watson are the respective representatives of the Liverpool City Region Liberal Democrat Group and the Liverpool City Region Conservative Group.

4.6 **Chair**

The Chair of the LCRCAO&S cannot be a Member of the majority group. Councillor Thomas Crone, a Green Party Councillor serving on Liverpool City Council has been appointed Chair for the 2019/20 Municipal Year.

4.7 **Quoracy Issues**

A high number of meetings of the LCRCAO&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.

The Combined Authority's Monitoring Officer will be looking to work with the Monitoring Officers from the other Combined Authorities to identify what problems they are experiencing with Scrutiny and how/if they had overcome them. Representations to Government would also be considered once all options locally to resolve the quorum issue had been exhausted. The CA Monitoring Officer would then be able to provide evidence to Government that the quorum level was obstructing the work of scrutiny within the CA.

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?CIId=365&Year=0>

6 November 2019

The last meeting of the LCRCAO&S was scheduled to be held on 6 November 2019. However, this meeting was inquorate, and its business could not be formally transacted. Nonetheless, because Members were in attendance the items were discussed. Members received an update from the Metro Mayor Steve Rotherham and considered reports on updating on the Liverpool City Region Housing Statement; the Liverpool City Region Housing First Service; and Apprenticeships.

15 January 2020 – Budget Meeting

The next meeting of LCRCAO&S will be held on 15 January 2020. The meeting will be asked to consider the budget proposals for 2020/21 to be agreed by the Combined Authority; and to make recommendations to the Metro Mayor and the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority in respect of the proposals.

Details of both 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.*