

# LONDON BOROUGH OF CROYDON

<b>REPORT:</b>	<b>HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE SUB-COMMITTEE</b>	
<b>DATE OF DECISION</b>	<b>22 January 2024</b>	
<b>REPORT TITLE:</b>	<b>Health &amp; Social Care Sub-Committee Work Programme 2023-24</b>	
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<b>LEAD MEMBER:</b>	<b>Cllr Eunice O’Dame, Chair of Health and Social Care Sub-Committee</b>	
<b>AUTHORITY TO TAKE DECISION:</b>	The Health & Social Care Sub-Committee is able to review and suggest updates to its work programme.	
<b>KEY DECISION?</b>	<b>No</b>	REASON: Not applicable
<b>CONTAINS EXEMPT INFORMATION?</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Grounds for the exemption: Not Applicable</b>
<b>WARDS AFFECTED:</b>	<b>ALL</b>	

## 1 HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE SUB-COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2023-24

- 1.1 This agenda item has been included on the agenda to give the Health & Social Care Sub-Committee the opportunity to consider its work programme for the 2023/24 municipal year.
- 1.2 Set out in Appendix 1 is a copy of the work programme for 2023-24, which at this time, has only be provisionally planned until the next meeting. Following this meeting, further work can be undertaken to scope the areas suggested to allow the further development of the work programme.
- 1.3 At its meeting on the 6 June 2023, the Scrutiny & Overview Committee set the following principles as a guide for setting work programmes in the year ahead. The three principles are:-
  1. **The Public’s Money.** Scrutiny wants reassurance that taxpayers’ money is put to best use. At a time when the Council is making cuts to balance the books, it has no money to waste. In the middle of a cost-of-living crisis, every pound of public money should be valued. Scrutiny will aim to look at the impact of any financial decisions on the public and the Council’s finances, including knock-on effects.

We will aim to research best practice and to provide suggestions as well as criticism.

2. **The Public's Services.** Scrutiny wants reassurance that services are improving. This is about leadership, culture and organisation as much as it is about budgets. We will seek reassurance that even in difficult financial circumstances, we are still meeting our duty of care to the most vulnerable. Scrutiny will listen and learn from the public's experiences of service performance to guide its work on Croydon's transformation.
3. **The Public's Voice.** Scrutiny wants to make sure that the Council is transparent, open and engaging with the people it exists to serve. Scrutiny will monitor the planned improvements in governance for Croydon's local democracy, as well as inviting public voices into the Scrutiny process itself. The Mayor was elected on a mandate to "listen to Croydon" and Scrutiny will hold the executive to account for this pledge.

1.4 From an initial discussion with the Corporate Director for Adult Social Care & Health, The Chair and Vice-Chair, were advised that the key priority areas for the service were:-

- Delivering the required savings, while making sure they did not have a detrimental impact on residents.
- Delivering the Transformation Programme.
- Preparing for the CQC Assurance process.
- Croydon Adult Safeguarding Board – Annual Report.

1.5 The Sub-Committee has the opportunity to discuss any other items that it wishes to may wish to add to its work programme related to either health or social care.

1.6 The Sub-Committee is able to propose changes to its work programme at any time during the year, but in line with Constitution, the final decision on any changes to any of the Committee/Sub-Committee work programmes rests with the Chairs & Vice-Chairs Group, following consultation with officers.

## **2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

2.1 The Health and Social Care Sub-Committee is recommended:

- 1 Note the most draft version of its Work Programme, as presented in the report.
- 2 Consider whether there are any other items that should be provisionally added to the work programme for scoping as a result of the discussions held during the meeting.

## **3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

3.1 Setting a work programme provides an opportunity for the Sub-Committee to ensure it is focussed on high priority issues affecting the services provided to residents.

## **2. WORK PROGRAMME**

2.1 The proposed work programme is attached at Appendix A.

### **Additional Scrutiny Topics**

2.3 Members of the Sub-Committee are invited to suggest any other items that they consider appropriate for the Work Programme. However, due to the time limitations at Committee meetings, it is suggested that no proposed agenda contain more than two items of substantive business in order to allow effective scrutiny of items already listed.

### **Participation in Scrutiny**

2.4 Members of the Sub-Committee are also requested to give consideration to any persons that it wishes to attend future meetings to assist in the consideration of agenda items. This may include Cabinet Members, Council or other public agency officers or representatives of relevant communities.

### **Appendices**

**APPENDIX A:** Work Programme 2023/24 for the Health & Social Care Sub-Committee.