

Purpose

1. This report provides Members the opportunity to update the programme of work for the Committee and to propose items for inclusion.

Information

2. The programme of work allows Members to map out scrutiny activity over the coming year. It is reviewed at every meeting of the Standing Committee.
3. Members are invited to consider the updated programme of work and to suggest other issues that the committee may wish to consider. In including an item the standing committee should seek to ensure that there will be a meaningful outcome from consideration of an item or a benefit to the people of Nottinghamshire. The standing committee should generally avoid agenda items that are for information or noting.

NHS Consultation – Clinical Services Review

4. The County Council's Overview and Scrutiny function has a statutory duty to receive consultations from NHS Trusts for proposals for substantial variations or developments of local health services.
5. At the meeting of the Standing Committee on 1 November 2010 Members were informed of a forthcoming consultation on clinical services in Bassetlaw constituting a substantial variation/development.

6. The consultation has now been postponed until May 2011. The two primary care trusts have announced that this to:
- “Allow more time to ensure local people and patients groups can be directly involved in developing options for consultation.
 - Enable finalisation of the independent reports into maternity and children’s services, which are not yet completed.
 - Ensure a full and meaningful consultation take place, free from election ‘purdah’ (local council elections will be held in early May 2011).”
7. Further details are attached as an appendix to the report and updated Programme of Work has been amended to reflect this change.

Recommendation

8. It is recommended that the Health & Wellbeing committee consider any issues raised and agrees the updated programme of work.

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Background papers: nil