

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 or where a previous review has been concluded.

Response to the Referrals to the Secretary of State for Health – Walk-in Centres and Newark

4. On 4 April 2011 the Standing Committee used its statutory power to refer two sets of NHS proposals for substantial variations of health services to the Secretary of State for Health. The Standing Committee may only make a referral based on two specific statutory grounds.

5. The response of the Secretary of State to the referral of proposals for NHS walk-in centres in Kirkby in Ashfield and Stapleford is included as an item on the agenda of this meeting.
6. To provide the Standing Committee with sufficient time to consider the response of the Secretary of State to the referral of the Newark Review an additional meeting of the Standing Committee has been scheduled on 20 September 2011. A copy of the Secretary of State's response is attached as an appendix to this report.
7. Members of the Standing Committee have received requests from the leader of Newark and Sherwood District Council and the group leaders of Newark Town Council to submit the referral for a second time. The Chairman of the Standing Committee has acknowledged these requests pending the Standing Committee's consideration of the response of the Secretary of State at the meeting on 20 September 2011.

Recommendation

8. It is recommended that the Social Care and Health Standing Committee
 - i. note the response of the Secretary of State to the referral of the Newark Review and the requests to submit the referral for a second time
 - ii. consider any issues raised and agrees the updated programme of work

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Background papers:

Letter from the leader of Newark and Sherwood District Council - 28 July 2011

Letter from group leaders of Newark Town Council – 3 August 2011