

**16 January 2024**

**Agenda Item: 6**

## **REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

### **WORK PROGRAMME**

#### **Purpose of the Report**

1. To consider the Health Scrutiny Committee's work programme.

#### **Information**

2. The Health Scrutiny Committee is responsible for scrutinising substantial variations and developments of service made by NHS organisations, and reviewing other issues impacting on services provided by trusts which are accessed by County residents.
3. The Council's adoption of the Leader and Cabinet/Executive system means that there is now an Overview and Scrutiny function, with Select Committees covering areas including Children and Young People and Adult Social Care and Public Health. While the statutory health scrutiny function sits outside the new Overview and Scrutiny structure, it is appropriate to keep this Committee's work programme under review in conjunction with those of the Select Committees. This is to ensure that we work in partnership with the wider scrutiny function, that work is not duplicated, and that we don't dedicate Committee time unduly to receiving updates on topics.
4. The latest work programme is attached at Appendix 1 for the Committee's consideration. From September 2023 the Committee will meet monthly. It is intended that no more than two substantive items will be scheduled for each meeting. The work programme will continue to develop, responding to emerging health service changes and issues (such as substantial variations and developments of service), and these will be included as they arise.
5. At its December 2023 meeting, the Committee identified several additional items for possible consideration by the Committee – these are captured in the Appendix. It was agreed to prioritise the scheduling of these items, alongside revisiting the list of current longstanding items on the work programme to take proposals to a future meeting.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Health Scrutiny Committee:

- 1) Considers and agrees the content of the work programme.

**Councillor Jonathan Wheeler**  
**Chairman of Health Scrutiny Committee**

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**Background Papers**

Nil

**Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected**

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