

ADULT SOCIAL CARE & HOUSING OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Agenda Item 53

Brighton & Hove City Council

Subject: ASCHOSC 2010-11 Work Programme
Date of Meeting: 04 March 2010
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Wards Affected: All

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

- 1.1 This report presents a draft of a 2010-11 Adult Social Care & Housing Overview & Scrutiny Committee (ASCHOSC) work programme for discussion/agreement by ASCHOSC members.
- 1.2 A copy of the draft ASCHOSC work programme is attached as **Appendix 1** to this report.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That members note the contents of this report and agree the attached draft work programme.

3. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 A cross-party group of members met in December 2009 to agree a draft ASCHOSC work programme for 2010-11. The members were: Councillor Anne Meadows (ASCHOSC Chair), Councillor Georgia Wrighton (ASCHOSC Deputy Chair). A conservative group member was also invited, but none of the conservative group ASCHOSC members were able to attend this meeting.

- 3.2 In addition, and at the ASCHOSC Chair's invitation, Councillor Garry Peltzer Dunn attended in his capacity as Chairman of the Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee (HOSC) in order to help ensure that the HOSC and ASCHOSC work programmes neither duplicated nor omitted issues cutting across health and social care boundaries.
- 3.3 Once agreed, the attached draft ASCHOSC work programme (see **Appendix 1**) will be indicative rather than definitive. Throughout the year the ASCHOSC Chair may choose to add or delete items from the work programme in response to events, to revisions of the council's Forward Plan etc. Items may also be added to the ASCHOSC agenda via the mechanisms of Councillor Questions, Public Questions, Petitions, Notices of Motion referred from Full Council and Referrals from other committees. (Details of these mechanisms can be found in the council's Constitution.) The Brighton & Hove Local Involvement Network (LINK) also has statutory powers (under the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007) to refer issues relating to health, children's health and adult social care to the relevant local Overview & Scrutiny committees (i.e. ASCHOSC for adult social care concerns).

4. CONSULTATION

- 4.1 No formal consultation has been undertaken in preparing this report.

5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

- 5.1 There are none directly, other than for the Scrutiny team budget; all the actions proposed in the draft ASCHOSC work programme can be managed within the current Scrutiny team budget.

Legal Implications:

- 5.2 Part 6.1, paragraph 12.2, of the council's constitution makes overview and scrutiny committees responsible for setting their own work programme of overseeing and scrutinising the work of the executive, relevant council committees and services, and the effectiveness of the relevant partnerships or other bodies.

It follows that ASCHOSC has authority to agree the recommendation at 2.1 above.

Lawyer consulted: Oliver Dixon

Date: 19 February 2010

Equalities Implications:

- 5.3 The annual ASCHOSC work programme should reflect the needs of the whole city, perhaps particularly those of communities which may typically be disadvantaged. More detailed consideration of equalities issues will be undertaken in regard to individual items as they come before the Committee.

Sustainability Implications:

- 5.4 Detailed consideration of sustainability issues will be undertaken in regard to individual items as they come before the Committee.

Crime & Disorder Implications:

- 5.5 Detailed consideration of crime & disorder issues will be undertaken in regard to individual items as they come before the Committee.

Risk and Opportunity Management Implications:

- 5.6 Detailed consideration of risk and opportunity management issues will be undertaken in regard to individual items as they come before the Committee.

Corporate / Citywide Implications:

- 5.7 Detailed consideration of corporate and citywide priorities will be undertaken in regard to individual items as they come before the Committee. Issues identified as citywide priorities and incorporated in the Local Area Agreement (LAA) will automatically be added to the work programme of the relevant Overview & Scrutiny committee should that LAA indicator be reported as 'red'.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

1. Draft 2010-11 ASCHOSC work programme

Documents in Members' Rooms:

None

Background Documents:

1. The council's Constitution
2. The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act (2007)

