

ADULT SOCIAL CARE & HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Agenda Item 21

Brighton & Hove City Council

Subject: **Adult Social Care & Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee (ASCHOSC) 2008/2009 Work Programme**

Date of Meeting: **04 September 2008**

Report of: **The Director of Strategy and Governance**

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Wards Affected: All

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

- 1.1 This report details the recommendations of the ASCHOSC working group instituted to develop a 2008/2009 work programme.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That members agree the draft work programme (reprinted in Appendix A to this report) should form the basis of the 2008/2009 ASCHOSC work programme.

3. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 At the June 26 2008 ASCHOSC meeting, members resolved “that a working group should be formed to develop an ASCHOSC work programme for agreement at the next Committee meeting.”
- 3.2 A working group was subsequently instituted. Working group members were: Councillor Anne Meadows, Councillor Georgia Wrighton and Councillor David Smart (substitute for Councillor Dawn Barnett).

- 3.3 The working group was advised by Joy Hollister, Director of Adult Social Care and Housing; Philip Letchfield, Assistant Director, Adult Social Care; and Ian Glossop, Interim Head of Scrutiny.
- 3.4 The working group considered a number of suggestions for possible areas of work. After discussing a variety of topics, working group members determined a draft 2008/2009 work programme (see Appendix A).
- 3.5 In addition, the working group sought to determine the most appropriate “mode” of scrutiny for each topic chosen. Thus, some issues might require a single report to a committee meeting, some might be the subject of a dedicated Member Training Session, whilst others would be better dealt with via an ad hoc Panel or a Select Committee. This is an area in which the input of ASCHOSC members will be instrumental in developing a work programme which is successful both in terms of identifying key local issues and in terms of making a positive contribution to these matters.
- 3.8 The 2008/2009 work programme is intended to provide a structure for the ASCHOSC over the next twelve months. However, the work programme does not seek definitively to restrict which issues the ASCHOSC can examine. Members are encouraged to suggest additional items for consideration throughout the year, as are members of the public and key partners.

4. CONSULTATION

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

5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

- 5.1 No financial advice has been sought. It is not anticipated that there will be any financial implications to this report, other than in terms of the need to effectively allocate Scrutiny resources.

Legal Implications

- 5.2 There are no legal implications arising from the recommendation in this report. At the point where reviews are undertaken and proposals made,

there may be human rights and other legal implications to consider and these will be addressed as part of the reporting of those reviews.

Lawyer Consulted: Celine Hayden; Date: 18.08.08

Equalities Implications:

- 5.3 There are no direct equalities implications to this report, although the issues featured in the 2008/2009 draft ASCHOSC work programme will need to be explored with reference to equalities considerations.

Sustainability Implications:

- 5.4 There are no direct sustainability implications to this report, although some of the issues featured in the 2008/2009 draft ASCHOSC work programme will need to be explored with reference to equalities considerations.

Crime & Disorder Implications:

- 5.5 There are no direct crime & disorder implications to this report.

Risk and Opportunity Management Implications:

- 5.6 No formal risk assessment has been undertaken in regard to this report, although the ASCHOSC working group was mindful of the need to focus on areas which present an opportunity for the Committee to “add value” to the local economy.

Corporate / Citywide Implications:

- 5.7 Developing and maintaining successful Adult Social Care and Housing outcomes is a crucial factor in advancing many corporate and citywide priorities. An effective ASCHOSC can support this development, and the 2008/2009 draft ASCHOSC work programme is a key document in ensuring that the ASCHOSC works effectively.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

1. Appendix A:ASCHOSC Draft Work Programme 2008/2009

