

HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Agenda Item

Brighton & Hove City Council

Subject: HOSC Work Programme 2011-12
Date of Meeting: 27 July 2011
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Wards Affected: All

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

- 1.1 In order to put together a HOSC work programme for the next year, we have asked city Councillors and key city partners to contribute ideas to the draft HOSC work programme (see **Appendix 1** to this report for work programme suggestions).
- 1.2 Organisations consulted include: NHS Brighton & Hove, Brighton & Sussex University Hospitals Trust, Sussex Community Trust, Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust, Brighton & Hove Older People's Council and the Brighton & Hove Local Involvement Network.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That members:
- (1) Note the suggestions for HOSC work programme items (Appendix 1); and
- (2) Agree a 2011-12 work programme

3. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 It is not our intention here to assign dates to the scrutiny of any particular item. Once items have been chosen, scrutiny support officers will liaise with the relevant NHS trusts, council departments etc. to determine the most appropriate dates for these items.

- 3.2 It is inevitable that additional topics will be presented to the committee in the course of the year, particularly given the febrile condition of health policy at the moment. Members may therefore wish to choose a limited number of items for examination, rather than risk overloading HOSC agendas.
- 3.3 Some items listed in **Appendix 1** relate to ongoing pieces of work – i.e. where HOSC had previously asked for a follow-up report on an issue (e.g. breast cancer screening) or where the committee is tracking a process over time (e.g. local NHS trust Foundation Trust applications).

4. CONSULTATION

- 4.1 Work programme suggestions have been collated after consultation with the key city partners detailed in point 1.2 above.

5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

- 5.1 There are none directly: examination of issues agreed by committee members will be supported within the annual Scrutiny team budget. Individual topics for scrutiny may have substantial financial implications, but these will be picked up as appropriate by the relevant reports.

Legal Implications:

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Equalities Implications:

- 5.3 The HOSC is empowered to “scrutinise matters relating to the health of the Authority’s population and contribute to the development of policy and service to improve health and reduce health inequalities” (**Constitution: 6.1.2.61**). When determining the 2011-12 HOSC work programme members may therefore wish to consider whether the services/plans they choose to examine contribute to reducing health inequalities.

Sustainability Implications:

- 5.4 None directly, although some health-related issues (e.g. patient journeys for healthcare, carbon footprint of NHS facilities etc.) may have sustainability implications and these should be dealt with in full if these issues are scrutinised.

Crime & Disorder Implications:

- 5.5 None directly, although some health-related issues (e.g. re: drugs and alcohol services) may have crime & disorder implications and these should be dealt with in full if these issues are scrutinised.

Risk and Opportunity Management Implications:

- 5.6 When choosing work programme topics, members should consider whether these present 'good value' in terms of opportunities to improve local services. For example, although a certain degree of focus on national policy is inevitable, members may wish to examine local policies which can be locally amended rather than national policies which can not.

Corporate / Citywide Implications:

- 5.7 Members may wish to consider corporate priorities and those of our key partners (e.g. NHS Brighton & Hove) when determining the 2011-12 work programme.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

1. Suggestions for 2011-12 HOSC work programme

Documents in Members' Rooms:

None

Background Documents:

None

