Social Care and Health   **Agenda**
Overview & Scrutiny Committee   **Item No. 9**

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Areas of focus for 2018/19

Ward(s)   All

Portfolios:
Children's and Health and Wellbeing   -   Councillor T. Wilson
Adult Social Care   -   Councillor R. Martin

Report:

The purpose of this item is to provide relevant background information for Members so that the Committee's areas of focus can be agreed for 2018/19.

It is important for Members to consider the wide range of potential issues within their remit and which they could consider during the year.

When agreeing items, it is important that consideration is given to the level of value the Committee could add taking into account the tools and performance measures available to support them in their work.

Remit

Following Annual Council, the remit of the Committee has been agreed as follows:

All aspects and general services related to social care/health service matters including health partnership matters and the public health agenda as conferred under the Health and Social Care Act 2001 within the functions set out in Section 21 of the Local Government Act, 2000 (as amended).

The scrutinising of performance in relation to the following Corporate Plan priority:

- People have increased independence, improved health and can positively contribute to their communities.

Work Programme

The following themes have been recommended as priorities by the Chairman for the coming municipal year:

- Welfare Assistance,
- Young People and Social Care,
- Hospital Services and Community Care,
- Partnership Working (Health and Social Care Integration),
- Voluntary Sector and Capacity Building,
- Finance (Investment, Better Care Fund and Health Service)
- Mental Health – to include a visit into the community.

In addition to and within these themes the Chair has suggested that the following topics will be considered; -

- Hospital discharge and decomposition,
- Brokerage,
- Drug and alcohol addiction services,
- Domestic violence,
- Digitalisation of Walsall Adult Social Care,
- Health Service reports.

The Chair has suggested a working group is established to consider one of these themes in more detail.

The following items were recommended for consideration by the committee in the last municipal year; -

- Walsall Healthcare Trust Discharge and Community Rehabilitation services,
- Transforming Care for adults with learning disabilities and/or Autism across the Black Country
- The National Primary Care Access Offer,
- Allocation of the Better Care Fund,
- Proposed Relocation of Dental General Anaesthetic Services,
- Mental Health Service transformation
- Reconfiguration of stroke services.

Budget scrutiny

Monitoring the financial performance of the Council is a valuable and important task that Scrutiny Committees are ideally placed to perform. It assists Members in identifying areas of operation that are underperforming that may require scrutiny.

The Chairman has suggested that the Committee receives the financial end-of-year outturn report and quarterly outturn forecasts throughout the year outside of the Committee and not as part of the agenda. This will create additional

capacity in the work programme and where appropriate financial information will be received in relation to each theme.

It is suggested that the Committee considers the proposed 2019/20 revenue and capital budgets between October 2018 - January 2019.

Council performance

The Council's Corporate Plan 2018-2021, as agreed by the Council in February 2018, sets the strategic direction for the authority by reference to five priorities. Each priority has a number of measures allocated to it. Scrutiny committees may wish to consider monitoring progress against the measures that sit within their remit. An overview of these is included at Appendix 1 to this report. The priorities and measures within the remit of this Committee are:

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Ref	*Outcomes*	*Measure*
P1	*Enhancing quality of life for people with care and support needs and those with long term conditions*	*11. Proportion of people using social care who receive self-directed support and those receiving direct payments.* *12. Proportion of adults with a Primary Support reason of LD support in paid employment.* *13. Proportion of adults in contact with secondary Mental Health services in paid employment.*
P2	*Delaying and reducing the need for care and support.*	*14. Long term support needs met by admission to residential and nursing care homes per 100,00 population.*
P3	*People recover from episodes of health or injury*	*15. Proportion of older people aged 65+ who were still at home 91 days after discharge from hospital into reablement /rehabilitation services.* *16. Delayed transfers of care from hospital.*
P4	*The most vulnerable are protected from avoidable harm, including treating and caring for people in a safe environment.*	*17. Number of safeguarding referrals and open safeguarding cases.* *18. Number of Serious Care Reviews.*

Pre-scrutiny

A copy of the Forward Plans of key decisions from Walsall Council's Cabinet and the Black Country Joint Executive Committee are attached at agenda item 10. Updates of these will be provided to Committees at subsequent meetings. Members should consider the forthcoming decisions and consider if there are any issues that they may wish to review and seek to influence prior to the Cabinet making a decision on these matters.

Working Groups

A working group is an effective method for Members of Scrutiny Committees to consider an issue in depth over a number of months and to produce a final report and recommendations to the Committee. In due course the report and recommendations can be considered by the Cabinet and/or Council. The challenge for Members is selecting the right topic at the right time and to provide the working group with an achievable brief. Resource wise it is recommended that only one working group be established at a time.

Prioritisation

The remit of the Committee is very broad and the range of issues that could be considered during the year is vast. The challenge that Members face is in prioritising those issues that are the most important whilst still leaving sufficient capacity to address other issues that may arise during the year. To assist Members to manage the broad topics available, it is important that alternative methods of being informed and updated, away from Committee meetings, are used effectively. For example, Members could request briefing notes on particular topics thereby helping to create additional capacity for more substantial items at Committee meetings.

In terms of scheduling items, it is important that an agenda includes a manageable amount of business to enable the Committee to focus on topics in depth rather than to carry out superficial treatment that may require the Committee to revisit the topic at a later date.

Recommendations:

1. That Elected Members consider the range of issues within this report and formulate and agree a work programme for the year.
2. That Elected Members agree to the approach in relation to finance reporting as suggested by the Chairman.

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Appendix 1 – Corporate Plan Priorities, outcomes and measures

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P1	Enhancing quality of life for people with care and support needs and those with long term conditions	11 Proportion of people using social care who receive self-directed support and those receiving direct payments
		12 Proportion of adults with a Primary Support reason of LD support in paid employment
		13 Proportion of adults in contact with secondary Mental Health services in paid employment
P2	Delaying and reducing the need for care and support	14 Long term support needs met by admission to residential and nursing care homes per 100,000 population
P3	People recover from episodes of health or injury	15 Proportion of older people aged 65+ who were still at home 91 days after discharge from hospital into reablement / rehabilitation services
		16 Delayed transfers of care from hospital
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		18 Number of Serious Case Reviews