



Report to Healthier Communities and Adult Social Care Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee Tuesday 16th June 2020

Report of: Policy and Improvement Officer

Subject: Healthier Communities & Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee - draft work plan.

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The report sets out how scrutiny will operate during the Covid-19 emergency, and the Committee's draft work plan for discussion.

Type of item: The report author should tick the appropriate box

Reviewing of existing policy	
Informing the development of new policy	
Statutory consultation	
Performance / budget monitoring report	
Cabinet request for scrutiny	
Full Council request for scrutiny	
Call-in of Cabinet decision	
Briefing paper for the Scrutiny Committee	
Other	X

The Scrutiny Committee is being asked to:

Note the approach to Scrutiny during Covid-19
Consider and comment on the draft work plan for the Healthier Communities and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee

Category of Report: OPEN

1 Scrutiny during Covid-19

- 1.1 At its meeting on the 4th June, the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee considered how Scrutiny in Sheffield will operate during the Covid-19 emergency. The Committee asked that plans be drawn up, identifying the key issues for scrutiny during the current crisis, and a practical approach to scheduling scrutiny committee meetings, taking account of the additional pressures the organisation is currently facing. These will be considered by the OSMC in the near future.
- 1.2 The OSMC also recognised that given the scale of the health, care and wellbeing impact of the Covid emergency, that the Healthier Communities and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee should continue to schedule meetings and develop a work programme.
- 1.3 There is a recognition that working through virtual meetings requires a different approach to traditional Town Hall meetings, and a suggestion that Committees should meet for a maximum of two hours, with a more limited number of agenda items. This may require Committees to meet more frequently.
- 1.4 There is also a recognition that senior officers that are likely to need to attend scrutiny committees will continue to be immersed in the ongoing response to Covid-19 and the recovery from the crisis. Their capacity is likely to be limited and the supportive material (papers etc) may need to be appropriately limited.
- 1.5 A further update on how scrutiny will operate over the coming months will be provided following the next Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee discussion.

2 Healthier Communities and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Work Plan

- 2.1 Members of the Committee have identified issues for the HCASC Work Plan. These are set out below for the Committee's consideration and discussion. Given the constantly evolving nature of the Covid-19 emergency, we will take a flexible approach in planning scrutiny work, to enable us to respond appropriately as new issues emerge.
- 2.2 In line with the approach to scrutiny outlined in section 1 above, the Chair of the Committee will continue to work with officers, cabinet members and partners to draw up a schedule of meetings to deliver the work plan.

HCASC Scrutiny Committee – draft work plan

Issue	Approach
Test, Trace, Isolate	To understand how the national system operates; to understand how we are supporting and augmenting the national system in Sheffield; to seek assurance that the system in Sheffield is operating effectively.
Mental Health Services	To consider the impact of Covid19 on the city's mental health and how demand and provision of mental health services has been affected. To consider plans for improvement following the CQC inspection of Sheffield Health and Social Care Foundation Trust.
Public Health Legacy – tackling health inequalities.	To understand the impact of Covid19 on different groups in the city and to consider how the City's recovery plans will address health inequalities.
Impact of lockdown and social isolation on health and wellbeing	To understand the impact of lockdown and isolation on Sheffield people's physical and mental health and wellbeing; to consider action the City is taking to minimise the negative impact of this.

3 Recommendations

The Committee is asked to:

- Note the approach to scrutiny during the Covid-19 emergency
- Consider and comment on the draft work plan.

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