

HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

7 DECEMBER 2023

WORK PROGRAMME

Summary

1. From time to time the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC) will review its work programme and consider which issues should be investigated as a priority.

Background

2. Worcestershire County Council has a rolling annual Work Programme for Overview and Scrutiny. The 2023/24 Work Programme has been developed by taking into account issues still to be completed from 2022/23, the views of Overview and Scrutiny Members and other stakeholders and the findings of the budget scrutiny process.
3. Suggested issues have been prioritised using scrutiny feasibility criteria in order to ensure that topics are selected subjectively and the 'added value' of a review is considered right from the beginning.
4. The HOSC will need to retain the flexibility to take into account any urgent issues which may arise from substantial NHS service changes requiring consultation with HOSC.
5. The Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee is responsible for scrutiny of:
 - Local NHS bodies and health services (including public health and children's health).
6. The scrutiny work programme was discussed by the Overview and Scrutiny Performance Board (OSPB) on 28 April and was agreed by Council on 18 May 2023.

Dates of Future 2024 Meetings

- 9 January 2024 at 10am
- 19 February at 10am
- 15 March at 10am
- 16 April at 10am
- 13 June at 10am
- 8 July at 2pm
- 9 September at 2pm
- 11 October at 10am
- 12 November at 10am

Purpose of the Meeting

7. The HOSC is asked to consider the 2023/24 Work Programme and agree whether it would like to make any amendments. The Committee will wish to retain the flexibility to take into account any urgent issues which may arise.

Supporting Information

Appendix 1 – Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2023/24

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Background Papers

In the opinion of the Proper Officer (in this case the Assistant Director for Legal and Governance), the following are the background papers relating to the subject matter of this report:

[Agenda and Minutes for Overview and Scrutiny Performance Board on 28 April 2023](#)

[Agenda for Council on 18 May 2023](#)

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