

Report of Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Report to Scrutiny Board (Adult Social Services, Public Health, NHS)

Date: 23 June 2015

Subject: Scrutiny Board Terms of Reference

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Summary of main issues

1. This report presents the terms of reference for Scrutiny Board (Adult Social Services, Public Health, NHS) for Members' information.

Recommendation

2. Members are requested to note the Scrutiny Board's terms of reference.

1.0 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 This report presents the terms of reference for Scrutiny Board (Adult Social Services, Public Health, NHS).

2.0 Background information

Scrutiny Board's terms of reference

- 2.1 Each year, the Scrutiny Officer conducts a review of scrutiny arrangements to ensure that they are fit for purpose. This year, the focus of the review has been to consider the Board's terms of reference.
- 2.2 In the light of changes to the Council's key partnerships, Council resolved that the terms of reference for Scrutiny Boards be drafted to mirror the executive functions of the Council's directorates. This would provide clarity over the respective remit of each Scrutiny Board.

2.3 This Board's terms of reference are related to functions delegated to the Assistant Chief Executive (Adult Social Services, Public Health, NHS). The terms of reference are shown as Appendix 1 and the relevant officer delegations as Appendix 2.

2.4 In terms of Executive Members, the Scrutiny Board's role encompasses the areas of responsibility assigned to:

- **Councillor L Mulherin (Executive Member for Health, Wellbeing and Adults) –**
The lead for improving health and the quality of adult social care, reducing health inequalities through healthy lifestyles and integrating health and social care.
 - Social services so far as they relate to adults
 - Arrangements to protect and promote the welfare of vulnerable adults, including vulnerable young children moving into adulthood.
 - Taking appropriate steps to improve the health of the people in the authority's area;
 - Dental public health;
 - Joint working with the prison service;
 - The medical inspection of pupils and the weighing and measuring of children;
 - Research, obtaining and analysing data or other information, and obtaining advice from persons with appropriate professional expertise;
 - Planning for, or responding to, emergencies involving a risk to public health;
 - Co-operating with arrangements for assessing risks posed by violent or sexual offenders;
 - Any public health function of the Secretary of State (or functions exercisable in connection with those functions)
 - which the authority is required by regulations to exercise; or
 - in respect of which arrangements have been made;
 - Any other function prescribed by the Secretary of State as the responsibility of the Director of Public Health; and
 - The oversight of clinical governance arrangements.

2.5 It should be noted that the Director of City Development maintains decision-making oversight for following area of Executive Member responsibility, which therefore falls outside the direct Terms of Reference for the Scrutiny Board (Adult Social Services, Public Health, NHS):

- Sport and active lifestyles (including community sports facilities (excluding golf courses and outdoor pitches in parks))

2.6 Cross directorate working is encouraged and there will potentially be occasions when other directors or Executive Members may be asked to contribute to a Scrutiny inquiry should their portfolio responsibilities be relevant.

3.0 Corporate Considerations

3.1 Consultation and Engagement

3.1.1 These terms of reference were formally considered and approved by Council on 21st May 2015.

3.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration.

3.2.1 In line with the Scrutiny Board Procedure Rules, the Scrutiny Boards will continue to ensure through service review that equality and diversity/cohesion and integration issues are considered in decision making and policy formulation.

3.3 Council Policies and the Best Council Plan

3.3.1 The terms of reference of the Scrutiny Board will continue to promote a strategic and outward looking Scrutiny function that focuses on the Best Council Plan.

3.4 Resources and Value for Money

3.4.1 This report has no specific resource and value for money implications.

3.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

3.5.1 This report has no specific legal implications.

3.6 Risk Management

3.6.1 This report has no risk management implications.

4.0 Recommendation

4.1 Members are requested to note the Scrutiny Board's terms of reference.

5.0 Background documents¹

5.1 None

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.