



Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (Health)

Date: 22 July 2008

Subject: Scrutiny Board (Health) – Work Programme and Draft Terms of Reference

Electoral Wards Affected:

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 At its meeting in June 2008, the Board identified a number of issues for its work programme and requested these to be formally presented at a future meeting. As such, the Board's draft work programme is attached as Appendix 1.
- 1.2 During the previous municipal year (2007/08), the former Scrutiny Board (Health and Adult Social Care) undertook a scrutiny inquiry that considered 'The Localisation of Health and Social Care Services'.
- 1.3 The Board's final report is attached at Appendix 2 and includes a series of recommendations. Many of these recommendations are cross-cutting, aimed at both health service and social care providers, and as such require a joint/ composite response. Given the context of the inquiry and subsequent recommendations, it would perhaps be inappropriate and somewhat artificial to split the recommendations to report to the newly formed Scrutiny Boards for 'Health' and 'Adult Social Care' respectively.
- 1.4 As the legislative powers for NHS Scrutiny rest with the Scrutiny Board (Health), it is proposed to incorporate tracking of all the recommendations of the attached report into the Board's work programme, commencing with the initial response in September 2008.
- 1.5 Notwithstanding the proposal set out in paragraph 1.4, it may be appropriate for any specific Adult Social Care issues that may arise as a result of this monitoring process, to be referred to the Scrutiny Board (Adult Social Care) for specific action/ consideration.

2.0 HEALTH PROPOSALS WORKING GROUP

2.1 At its meeting in June 2008, the Board also agreed to establish a Health Proposals Working Group. Draft terms of reference are presented at Appendix 3. In line with Scrutiny Board Procedure Rules comments on the terms of reference have been sought from the relevant officers and the responsible Executive Board Member. These will be available at the Board meeting.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 Members are asked to;

- (i) Consider the draft work programme attached at Appendix 1
- (ii) Note the 'Localisation of Health and Social Care Services' scrutiny inquiry report and agree the proposed approach for monitoring implementation of the recommendations.
- (iii) Amend and/or agree the draft terms of reference for the 'Health Proposals Working Group'.
- (iv) Amend and/ or agree the Board's work programme.