



Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (Health)

Date: 20 January 2009

Subject: Scrutiny Board (Health) – Work Programme

Electoral Wards Affected:

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 At its meeting in July 2008, the Board agreed its outline work programme. Attached at Appendix 1, for the Board's further consideration is an updated work programme for the Scrutiny Board (Health) for the remainder of the current municipal year.
- 1.2 The Executive Board Minutes for the meeting held on the 3 December 2008 are presented at Appendix 2 for information. Matters within the Adult Health and Social Care portfolio considered by the Executive Board are as follows:
- (i) Independence, Wellbeing and Choice Inspection of Adult Social Services (minute 140)
 - (ii) Annual Performance Assessment (Star Rating) for Adult Social Services 2007/08 (minute 141)
 - (iii) Reprovision of Windlesford Green Hostel for People with Learning Disabilities (minute 144)
- 1.3 In the main, the above issues predominantly fall within the remit of the Scrutiny Board (Adult Social Care), however there are some issues relating to the Independence, Wellbeing and Choice Inspection of Adult Social Services report (minute 140) that may be of interest to the Board, which are detailed elsewhere in this report.

2.0 WORKING PROGRAMME MATTERS

The work programme

- 2.1 The current work programme (Appendix 1) provides an indicative schedule of items/issues to be considered at future meetings of the Board. The work programme also

provides an outline of other activity being undertaken on behalf of the Board outside of the formal meetings cycle.

- 2.2 In developing its overall work programme, the Board should consider the Appendix 1 as a live document that will evolve over time, in order to reflect any changing and/or emerging issues that the Board wishes to consider.

Independence, Wellbeing and Choice Inspection of Adult Social Services

- 2.3 An Independence Wellbeing and Choice inspection took place during July and August 2008. The outcome of that inspection was report to the Executive Board on 3 December 2008 (as referenced in Appendix 2). This was also presented to the Scrutiny board (Adult Social Care) 29th July and 6th August 2008. The inspection outcome informs the Annual Performance Assessment of Adult Social Care and is therefore linked to the Corporate Assessment.
- 2.4 As a result of the inspection, the Scrutiny Board agreed to undertake an inquiry into Hospital Discharges. Initial consideration of this issue is detailed elsewhere on the agenda.

Health and Well-being needs of local communities

- 2.5 At its meeting in November 2008, when considering a report on the development of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment, the Board agreed to consider an outline of how the Health and Well-being needs of local communities are considered as part of process for the disposal/ re-assignment of Council assets.
- 2.6 Originally, it was planned that relevant Council officers would be invited to provide a verbal report to the Scrutiny Board meeting in December 2008. However, the item was subsequently deferred to a future meeting to allow further discussions to take place regarding the scope of such an item. At the meeting in December, the Board did not agree to widen the scope of the item beyond what had previously been agreed, however there was no decision regarding the timing of such an item.
- 2.7 Should the Board wish to reconsider the scope of this item, it should be aware of the Scrutiny Inquiry '*Review Consultation Processes*' undertaken by Scrutiny Board (City Development). The inquiry considered specific consultation processes in respect to the disposal of assets and the processes associated with the development of the Aire Valley Leeds Action Plan. The inquiry report, which is available on request, was published on 22 April 2008 and includes a series recommendations which are being monitored by Scrutiny Board (City Development).
- 2.8 As such, the Scrutiny Board is asked to confirm the timing of any future item and reaffirm or amend the scope of such an item.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 From the content of this report, its associated appendices and discussion at the meeting, Members are asked to:
- 3.1.1 Note the general progress reported at the meeting;
 - 3.1.2 Confirm the timing of the item 'How the Health and Well-being needs of local communities are considered as part of process for the disposal/ re-assignment of Council assets', originally scheduled for December 2008;
 - 3.1.3 Reaffirm or amend the scope of the item referred to in 3.1.3;
 - 3.1.4 Receive and make any further changes to the attached work programme; and,
 - 3.1.5 Agree an updated work programme.

4.0 BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Letter from Councillor John Illingworth, Health Scrutiny inquiry into JSNA –19 November 2008.

Review Consultation Processes – 'Scrutiny Inquiry report, 22 April 2008.