



Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (Health)

Date: 22 September 2009

Subject: Updated Work Programme 2009/10 and draft terms of reference

Electoral Wards Affected:

Ward Members consulted
(referred to in report)

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

1.0 Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this report is to present the current outline work programme for the Board to consider, amend and agree as appropriate.

2.0 Background

2.1 At its meeting on 30 June 2009, the Board received a number of inputs to help members consider the Board's priorities during the current municipal year. This included specific inputs from:

- Executive Board Member for Adult Health and Social Care
- Deputy Director (Adult Social Services)
- NHS Leeds
- Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust (LTHT)
- Leeds Partnerships Foundation Trust (LPFT)

2.2 At that meeting a number of potential work areas were identified by members of the Board. These potential areas were confirmed in a further report, along with an outline work programme, presented at the Board meeting held on 28 July 2009.

3.0 Report issues

Scrutiny Inquires

3.1 At the previous meeting (28 July 2009), members of the Scrutiny Board (Health) were presented with draft terms of reference for a proposed scrutiny inquiry around alcohol related harm. Subject to some minor amendments identified at the meeting, the draft terms of reference document was agreed by the Board.

3.2 However, at the first meeting of the Scrutiny Board, the following issues were all identified as potential work programme areas by various members of the Board:

- Health priorities within the Council's decision-making processes.
- Alcohol and its related harm, including the role of the Authority in:
 - Promoting sensible and responsible alcohol consumption;
 - Highlighting the associated health implications, especially for those living in the most deprived areas of the city.
- The health of young people across a range of issues, including:
 - Alcohol consumption;
 - Obesity and levels of physical activity;
 - Smoking;
 - Sexual health and teenage pregnancies;

3.3 As such, and following discussions with the Chair of the Scrutiny Board (Health), a revised approach is proposed, that will allow the Scrutiny Board to consider a range of issues under the umbrella of a single inquiry. The draft terms of reference is attached at Appendix 1, with the associated inquiry selection criteria pro-forma attached at Appendix 2.

3.4 The Scrutiny Board is asked to consider this revised approach, which is reflected in the attached terms of reference, and agree / amend as appropriate.

Work programme

3.5 A revised outline work programme, reflecting the revised approach identified above, is presented at Appendix 3 for consideration. However, the outline work programme should be regarded as a 'live' document, which may evolve and change over time to reflect any in-year change in priorities and/or emerging issues over the course of the year.

3.6 The Scrutiny Board is asked to consider the attached outline work programme and agree / amend as appropriate.

Working groups

3.7 At the Scrutiny Board meeting, 30 June 2009, members were asked to consider re-establishing the Health Proposals Working Group. At that time, the Scrutiny Board did not agree to re-establish the working group.

3.8 Notwithstanding the Scrutiny Board's decision in June 2009, subsequent discussions between the Chair of the Scrutiny Board and officials at NHS Leeds, have further revealed the degree to which the working group had provided a useful vehicle to keep members of the Scrutiny Board apprised of developments across local NHS Trusts. As such, the previously proposed terms of reference are attached at Appendix 4 for reconsideration.

Executive Board Minutes

3.9 For information, the minutes from the Executive Board meetings held on 22 July 2009 and 26 August 2009 are attached at Appendix 5 and Appendix 6, respectively. The Scrutiny Board is asked to consider these minutes within the context of making any adjustments to its work programme.

4.0 Recommendations

4.1 Members are asked to;

- (i) Consider, amend and agree the draft terms of reference in relation to the proposed inquiry (Appendix 1) and the associated inquiry selection criteria pro-forma (Appendix 2), in lieu of the previously agreed terms of reference for a scrutiny inquiry solely around alcohol related harm.
- (ii) Consider the outline work programme attached at Appendix 3 and agree / amend as appropriate, taking into account any matters identified in the Executive Board minutes attached at Appendix 5 and Appendix 6.
- (iii) Consider re-establishing the Health Proposals Working Group in line with the draft terms of reference (attached at Appendix 4) and any agreed amendments. If appropriate, members are asked to determine the membership of the that working group.

5.0 Background Documents

Scrutiny Board (Health) minutes:

- 30 June 2009
- 28 July 2009