

**ADULT SOCIAL CARE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL
11 OCTOBER 2011**

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 2011/12
AND PROPOSED NEW POWERS
Assistant Chief Executive**

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to invite Members of the Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny (O&S) Panel to note:
- its agreed work programme for O&S in 2011/12, which is attached to this report at Appendix 1 and takes account of constraints on Member and officer resources;
 - a proposed procedural change to reduce pressure on the O&S Commission by greater empowerment of the O&S Panels.

2 RECOMMENDATION

That the Adult Social Care O&S Panel notes:

- 2.1 **its agreed work programme for O&S in 2011/12; and**
- 2.2 **a proposed amendment to the Constitution to extend to the O&S Panels the O&S Commission's power to adopt O&S reports, the making of recommendations to the Executive, full Council and other organisations, and the consideration of responses to O&S reports.**

3 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 3.1 Since the Panel was consulted on its 2011/12 draft indicative work programme at its last meeting, the work programme has been agreed by the O&S Commission and is now subject to consultation with the Corporate Management Team and the Executive, in accordance with the requirements of the Council's Constitution.
- 3.2 In order to reduce pressure on the O&S Commission and streamline the process for adopting O&S reports and considering Executive responses to them, the O&S Commission has recommended to the Governance and Audit Committee that Council be asked to approve an amendment to the Constitution to extend to the O&S Panels the Commission's power to adopt O&S reports, the making of recommendations to the Executive, full Council and other organisations, and the consideration of responses to O&S reports. This delegation is provided for in Section 21 of the Local Government Act 2000.

Background Papers

Section 21 of the Local Government Act 2000 and Annual Report of O&S, 2010/11.

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Extract from the Agreed Work Programme for Overview and Scrutiny (O&S) in 2011/12

The agreed work programme for O&S in 2011/12 by the Adult Social Care O&S Panel is set out below. The programme is aimed at maintaining a strategic and coordinated work programme based on major areas of Council and partner organisations' activity. The selection of review topics takes account of what is of direct and significant interest to residents, and what would be timely, relevant, and likely to add value. The programme incorporates the routine, on-going work of O&S and the completion of reviews currently underway. The overall programme is smaller than in recent years owing to the reduction in officer support for O&S, arising from the financial pressures facing the Council.

The O&S Commission has consulted the O&S Panels, the Council's Corporate Management Team and the Executive on the work programme, as required by the Council's Constitution.

The work programme will necessarily be subject to continual refinement and updating. The 'future proposed reviews' are those which are unlikely to be resourced until 2012/13 or later.

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1.	<p>Monitoring the performance of the Adult Social Care and Health Department</p> <p>To include on-going review of the Performance Monitoring Reports, receiving statutory plans and reports (such as the annual reports on complaints received), monitoring the action taken by the Executive to earlier reports by the Panel, and being briefed on the implications of new legislation.</p>
2.	<p>Exercising pre-decision scrutiny by reference to the Executive Forward Plan</p>
3.	<p>Budget Scrutiny</p> <p>To monitor the 2011/12 Adult Social Care budget, and to review the Council's budget proposals for 2012/13, and plans for future years.</p>
4.	<p>Policy Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) <u>Carers Strategy</u> – To contribute to the update of this Strategy, consequent on new statutory requirements (Panel discussion). b) <u>Strategy for Adults with a Learning Disability 2008-13 – 'Making Choices, Being in Control'</u> – To contribute to the refresh of the Commissioning Strategy (Completed). c) <u>Joint Autism Strategy</u> – To review the implementation of the Strategy (Panel discussion). d) <u>Personalisation</u> – An update at a Panel meeting, and depending on the outcome and the availability of resources, to review a further strand of the personalisation of Adult Social Care.

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Substance Misuse

A review of the Council's response, and that of its partners, to the government's new requirements in its 2010 Drug Strategy (Working Group).