

**TO: ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND HOUSING OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY PANEL
20 JANUARY 2015**

2015/16 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This report invites the Panel to consider its Work Programme for 2015/16.

2 RECOMMENDATION(S)

2.1 That the Panel considers its Work Programme for 2015/16.

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION(S)

3.1 To enable the Panel to consider its Work Programme for 2015/16.

4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

4.1 None.

5 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

5.1 The Panel is invited to suggest topics for inclusion in its 2015/16 work programme which will be developed in the coming months. The existing Work Programme for 2014/15 is attached at Appendix 1 for reference together with a list of topics previously reviewed by working groups of the Panel.

**6 ADVICE RECEIVED FROM STATUTORY AND OTHER OFFICERS / EQUALITIES
IMPACT ASSESSMENT / STRATEGIC RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES /
CONSULTATION**

6.1 Not applicable.

Background Papers

None.

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OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 2014/15

The work programme for the Adult Social Care and Housing Overview and Scrutiny Panel in 2014/15 is shown on the following pages. The programme is aimed at maintaining a strategic and co-ordinated work programme based on major areas of Council and partner organisations' activity. The review topics take account of what is likely to be timely, relevant, and to add value. The programme incorporates the routine, on-going work of O&S and the completion of reviews currently underway.

The work programme will necessarily be subject to continual refinement and updating. The 'future possible reviews' are those which are unlikely to be resourced until 2015/16 or later.

ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND HOUSING OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL	
1.	<p>Monitoring the performance of the Adult Social Care, Health and Housing Department</p> <p>To include on-going review of the Quarterly Service 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, including the Government's Care Bill.</p>
2.	<p>Exercising pre-decision scrutiny by reference to the Executive Forward Plan</p> <p>To selectively contribute to the formulation of new policies in advance of their consideration by the Executive.</p>
3.	<p>2015/16 Budget Scrutiny</p> <p>To review the Council's Adult Social Care and Housing budget proposals for 2015/16, and plans for future years.</p>

FUTURE POSSIBLE REVIEWS (Unlikely to be resourced until 2015/16 or later)	
<u>Adult Social Care and Housing</u>	
1.	<p>Implications of the Government's Care Bill</p> <p>To review the impact of the legislative changes under the forthcoming Care Act, particularly with regard to greater integration of Council and NHS services.</p>

Unrestricted

2.	<p>Housing Benefits</p> <p>To review the implementation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Government's Housing Benefit reforms; and • The re-design of the Council's housing and benefits services.
3.	<p>Housing Supply</p> <p>To review the response by the Council and its partners to increasing pressure in the housing market, particularly in regard to assisting home ownership, and the provision of affordable housing.</p>
4.	<p>Homelessness</p> <p>To review the Council's arrangements and performance in relation to dealing with homelessness. To include arrangements for adults with learning disabilities, also itinerant and temporary informal lodgers.</p>

Completed Reviews

Date Completed	Title
January 2004	Review of Adult Day Care Services in Bracknell Forest (Johnstone Court Day Centre & Downside Resource Centre)
November 2006	Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) – Review of the ASB Strategy Implementation
August 2008	Caring for Carers
April 2009	Older People's Strategy
April 2009	Services for People with Learning Disabilities
May 2009	Housing Strategy
July 2009	Review of Housing and Council Tax Benefits Improvement Plan
July 2010	Review of Housing and Council Tax Benefits Improvement Plan (Update)
October 2010	Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults in the context of Personalisation
August 2012	Local Council Tax Support Scheme
November 2012	Modernisation of Older People's Services
February 2013	Substance Misuse
October 2014	The Council's Role in Regulated Adult Social Care Services