

**TO: ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND HOUSING OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL  
16 JUNE 2015**

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## **REVIEW TOPIC AND WORKING GROUP**

### **1 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 This report invites the Panel to select its next policy review topic and establish a working group to undertake the review with reference to the attached Panel Work Programme for 2015/16.

### **2 RECOMMENDATION(S)**

- 2.1 **That the Panel selects a policy review topic and establishes a working group to undertake the review.**

### **3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION(S)**

- 3.1 To agree arrangements in respect of the Panel's next piece of policy review work.

### **4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- 4.1 None.

### **5 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 5.1 The Panel's 2015/16 Work Programme is attached at Appendix 1 to facilitate selection of the next review topic and working group membership.

### **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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**APPENDIX 1****2015/16 Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme**

The proposed work programme for O&S in 2015/16 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 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 possible reviews' are those which are unlikely to be resourced until 2016/17 or later.

<b>ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND HOUSING OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL</b>	
1.	<p><b>Monitoring the performance of the Adult Social Care, Health and Housing Department</b></p> <p>To receive an introductory briefing on the role of the Adult Social Care, Health and Housing Department, with reference to their service plan for 2015/16.</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 progress of any significant developments (such as the Care Act).</p>
2.	<p><b>Exercising pre-decision scrutiny by reference to the Executive Forward Plan</b></p> <p>To selectively contribute to the formulation of new policies in advance of their consideration by the Executive. To include forming a Working Group to make an input to the preparation of the new Housing Strategy.</p>
3.	<p><b>2016/17 Budget Scrutiny</b></p> <p>To review the Council's Adult Social Care and Housing budget proposals for 2015/16, and plans for future years.</p>

<b>2015/16 WORKING GROUPS</b>	
<b>Adult Social Care and Housing O&amp;S Panel</b>	<p><b>Older People's Housing / or Affordable Housing</b></p> <p>A review of a substantive housing issue, the review topic to be chosen following the input to the update of the Housing Strategy (see above). Possible topics might be either Older People's Housing (with the Clement House development as a possible case study) or the provision of Affordable Housing.</p>

<b>FUTURE POSSIBLE REVIEWS</b> (Unlikely to be resourced until 2016/17 or later)	
<b><u>Adult Social Care and Housing</u></b>	
1.	<b>Forestcare</b>  A review of the lifeline alarms and other services provided under Forestcare.
2.	<b>Housing Supply</b>  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.