

**TO: ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND HOUSING OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL  
19 JANUARY 2016**

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**2016/17 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME**

**1 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 This report invites the Panel to consider its Work Programme for 2016/17.

**2 RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**2.1 That the Panel considers its Work Programme for 2016/17.**

**3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION(S)**

3.1 To enable the Panel to consider its Work Programme for 2016/17.

**4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

4.1 None.

**5 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

5.1 The Panel is invited to suggest topics for inclusion in its 2016/17 work programme which will be developed in the coming months. The existing Work Programme for 2015/16 is attached at Appendix 1 for reference together with a list of topics previously reviewed by working groups of the Panel.

5.2 Members of the Working Group which has recently completed reviewing the Homelessness Strategy have expressed an interest in continuing work on the topic of homelessness.

**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 2015/16

The work programme for the Adult Social Care and Housing Overview and Scrutiny Panel 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 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 2016/17, 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.

**Completed Reviews (Since 2010)**

<b>Date Completed</b>	<b>Title</b>
July 2010	Review of Housing and Council Tax Benefits Improvement Plan (Update)
October 2010	Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults in the context of Personalisation
November 2012	Modernisation of Older People's Services
February 2013	Substance Misuse
October 2014	The Council's Role in Regulated Adult Social Care Services
November 2015	Draft Homelessness Strategy