

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

HEALTH AND WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE –
20 SEPTEMBER 2016

REPORT BY CHAIRMAN OF HEALTH AND WELLBEING SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE

SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME

WARD(S) AFFECTED: *None.*

Purpose/Summary of Report:

- To review and determine Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny (HWS) Committee's future work programme.

RECOMMENDATION FOR DECISION:

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(A)	The work programme detailed in this report be agreed.

1.0 Background

1.1 Items previously required, identified or suggested for the Panel work programme are set out in **Essential Reference Paper 'B'**. Terms of reference for the committee can also be found here.

1.2 To support members in their reading of health and wellbeing related reports and in discussions with speakers from partner agencies the attached **Essential Reference Paper 'C'** offers a quick checklist to the abbreviations and acronyms in common use. Updates and corrections made since the previous version of this publication are shown in italics.

1.3 The Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee was established at Annual Council last year, in recognition of the importance placed by the authority on the health and wellbeing of its residents. Improving the health and wellbeing of our communities is now a corporate priority.

2.0 Report

- 2.1 The draft work programme for 2016/17 meetings is shown in **Essential Reference Paper 'B'**. The timing of some items may have to change depending on availability of speakers and essential data.
- 2.2 At the Scrutiny Chairmans' Committee meeting in May it was noted that there is a distinction between Members being given information and Members carrying out scrutiny and they want to ensure the latter happens. With this in mind, Members are asked whether they still want to include the item on mental health that is scheduled for March 2017 and, if so, what is to be scrutinised.
- 2.3 Topics that are assessed to be 'information seeking' rather than scrutiny could then be put forward for either a future member briefing/training event or as an article in the Members Information Briefing.
- 2.4 Members are asked whether there are any additional topics they wish to suggest for consideration. Members are advised that they can scrutinise local health issues but not ones that affect the county as a whole. Hertfordshire Health Scrutiny is the statutory body with that remit. Members are also referred to the Committees Work Programme 16/17 link shown here [Committees Work Programme 16/17](#)
- 2.5 Members are also asked whether they wish to extend an invitation to the Executive Member of Health and Wellbeing to speak one or more Executive members to present on a specific topic or attend a particular meeting.

3.0 Implications/Consultations

- 3.1 Information on any corporate issues and consultation associated with this report can be found within **Essential Reference Paper 'A'**.

Background Papers

None.

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