

# Adults Wellbeing and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

15 April 2021



## Adults Wellbeing and Health OSC – Refresh of 2021/22 Work Programme

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### Report of Paul Darby, Interim Corporate Director of Resources

#### Electoral division(s) affected:

None

#### Purpose of the Report

- 1 To provide the Adults Wellbeing and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (AWHOSC) with the opportunity to review and refresh ITS work programme for 2021/2022.

#### Executive summary

- 2 The CYP OSC review their work programme each year to reflect the objectives and associated outcomes and actions identified within the Council Plan and is set in the context of the County Durham Vision 2035 three ambitions of:
  - More and Better Jobs
  - People Live Long and Independent Lives; and
  - Connected Communities.
- 3 The report (paragraphs 11-14) provides information for members to note on activity undertaken by the committee during 2020/21 and enable discussion to suggest areas for review activity or agenda items to be included in the committee's work programme for 2021/2022.

#### Recommendations

- 4 The AWHOSC is recommended to:
  - (a) Note the proposed AWHOSC work programme in relation to the current Council Plan 2020-2023 (copy attached at Appendix 2);

- (b) Note that a further report to agree the AWHOSC Work Programme will be submitted to the first meeting of the Committee in the 2021/22 municipal year.

## **Background**

- 5 The current overview and scrutiny committees work programmes focus on the priority areas identified within the context of the:
- Council Plan
  - Cabinet's Notice of Key Decisions
  - County Durham Vision for 2035
  - Partnership plans and strategies
  - Performance and budgetary control data
  - Changes in government legislation
  - Local Priorities
- 6 In October 2019, public, private and voluntary sector bodies that make up the County Durham Partnership jointly agreed a Vision for County Durham 2035. This vision was based on a strategic assessment of need using our intelligence platform Durham Insight and was developed following extensive consultation with the public. The vision document that was agreed sets out our strategic direction and what we would like to achieve over the next 15 years and is written around three broad ambitions for the people of County Durham:
- More and better jobs
  - People live long and independent lives
  - Connected communities
- 7 As well as being of key importance to local people's long-term priorities, they remain key strategic ambitions in our response to the COVID-19 crisis, where key impacts relate to employment, health and wellbeing, and communities.

## **Council Plan**

- 8 The Council Plan is the primary corporate planning document for the county council and details Durham County Council's contribution towards achieving the objectives set out in the Vision for County Durham 2035 together with its own change agenda. It aims to provide a readable and accessible summary for Members, partners and the public of our priorities for the county and the main programmes of work that we

will undertake over the coming three years to help achieve these priorities.

- 9 Both the Vision for County Durham and the Council Plan are structured around three ambitions which are mentioned above. An additional ambition of an excellent council has been developed for the Council Plan to capture the corporate initiatives that the council has identified and that it wants to undertake to transform its operations and enable achievement of the ambitions within the vision.
- 10 The Committee will scrutinise the delivery of the County Durham Vision 2035 ambitions of People live long and Independent Lives and Council Plan objectives in relation to Adults Wellbeing and Health OSC of:-

### **People Live Long and Independent Lives**

- Better integration of health and social care services
- People will be supported to live independently for as long as possible by delivering more homes to meet the needs of older and disabled people
- Tackling the stigma and discrimination of poor mental health and building resilient communities
- Promotion of positive behaviours

### **Current Work Programme**

- 11 In addition to providing a scrutiny role for activity of the Council the Committee is also the designated Health Scrutiny Committee for the Council for the purposes of the Health and Social Care Act 2012. The Committee therefore leads on the review and scrutiny of NHS Services, Adults Social Care, Health Inequalities and improvement and Public Health Services.
- 12 During 2020/2021, the Adults Wellbeing and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee had to prioritise items to come to a reduced number of formal meetings and items to be electronically circulated as briefing reports due to the Coronavirus. However, although there was a reduced number of formal meetings the committee has undertaken budgetary and performance monitoring, systematic 6 monthly reviews of progress against recommendations and overview presentations.

### **Systematic Review**

### **People Live Long and Independent Lives**

- Update of progress against recommendations of the Review into Suicide Rates and Mental Health and Wellbeing in County Durham.

### **Review Activity**

#### **People Live Long and Independent Lives**

- Scrutiny Review of GP Services across County Durham

### **Overview Activity**

#### **People Live Long and Independent Lives**

##### **Better integration of health and social care services**

**People will be supported to live independently for as long as possible by delivering more homes to meet the needs of older and disabled people**

**Tackling the stigma and discrimination of poor mental health and building resilient communities**

##### **Promotion of positive behaviours**

- Public Health Response to COVID-19 Pandemic
- County Durham Care Partnership response to COVID-19 Pandemic
- Local Outbreak Management Plan Update (x3)
- Primary Care Update
- Adult Social Care Overview
- Winter Planning 2020-21
- Health Impact Assessment for Health Inequalities
- Tees Esk and Wear Valleys NHS FT – CQC Inspection results and Improvement Update
- Tees Esk and Wear Valleys NHS FT – COVID-19 Pandemic Update
- Integrated Care Systems Update
- NHS County Durham CCG – Development of a Primary Care Investment Strategy
- Shotley Bridge Hospitals Update
- Tees Esk and Wear Valleys NHS FT – Quality Account Update

### **Performance Monitoring**

- 13 The committee has considered and commented on quarterly budget and performance reports for the Adults and Health Services Grouping.

### **Cross Cutting Areas**

- 14 The Adults Wellbeing and Health OSC has also considered the following areas which cut across objectives within the Council Plan or the remit of other Overview and Scrutiny Committees:-

- Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services Update – CYPOSC 9 October 2020
- Fuel Poverty – ESCOSC 12 February 2021
- Director of Public Health Annual Report – CYOSC 12 April 2021

### **Areas for consideration in the Adults Wellbeing and Health Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme**

- 15 Paragraphs 11 to 14 of this report identifies the activity undertaken by the committee during 2020/21. The committee has identified a number of these areas for further progress updates and will need be included in the committee's work programme for 2021/2022.

- Local Outbreak Management Plan Update
- Shotley Bridge Hospital
- Integrated Care System and emerging Health White Paper

- 16 The committee will receive a further report to its meeting in July 2021 where members will be asked to discuss and finalise its work programme and will be asked to agree a topic for review activity.

### **Background papers**

- None

### **Other useful documents**

- Previous Cabinet reports / None

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## **Appendix 1: Implications**

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### **Legal Implications**

None

### **Finance**

None

### **Consultation**

None

### **Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty**

None

### **Climate Change**

None

### **Human Rights**

None

### **Crime and Disorder**

None

### **Staffing**

None

### **Accommodation**

None

### **Risk**

The Overview and Scrutiny work programme is an important element of the Council's governance and risk management arrangements.

### **Procurement**

None

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## **Appendix 2: Council Plan 2020-23**

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Attached as a separate document.