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To: Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Friday 30 October 2009
Subject: Draft Work Programme for November 2009 to July 2010.

Introduction

1. (1) The Committee will recall that, at its meeting on 2 October, it had before it a paper on the Potential to Refocus and Restructure the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee. This report highlighted for the Committees discussion the specific issues, challenges and opportunities for the Committee as part of the overall review of the Potential to Refocus and Restructure the County Councils Overview and Scrutiny Function which was before the County Council for debate on 15 October 2009.

(2) One of the outcomes of the Committees discussion on 2 October was to identify a list of Topics for inclusion in a draft Work programme for the Committees consideration today.

Draft Work Programme

2. (1) The outcome of this request is a Draft Work Programme for the period November 2009 to July 2010, which is attached as an Appendix to this report. The views of the Committee on additional organisations/stakeholders/persons it would like to invite to give written evidence or to be interviewed by the Committee would be welcome.

(2) The draft Work Programme is only indicative of the issues/items already known to the Committee. It does not take into account any unplanned items, such as referrals from the Local Involvement Network (LINK), other authorities or Councillor Call for Actions.

Task and Finish Groups (Select Committees)

(3) The Committee will recall that at its last meeting when considering the topic of Dementia for inclusion in the draft work programme I notified the Committee this Topic had been proposed as a potential Topic review for a select Committee.

(4) The Policy Overview Co Ordinating Committee met on 16 October and would like this Committee to conduct a Select Committee review based on the proposal form setting out the areas for inclusion in the review agreed by the Policy Overview Co Ordinating Committee commencing in the summer 2010.

Rapporteurs

(5) The Committee will also recall that a number of its Members have offered to act as rapporteurs. I am pleased to report that the County Council in agreeing the report on the way forward for the Overview and Scrutiny Function has agreed that the Scrutiny Board in conjunction with the Cabinet will provide some criteria and guidance for the operation of a "rapporteur scheme"

Recommendations

3. The Committee is asked to agree the draft Work Programme for November 2009 to July 2010.