From: Ben Watts, General Counsel

**To:** Adult Social Care Cabinet Committee – 18 January 2024

Subject: Work Programme 2024

Classification: Unrestricted

Past Pathway of Paper: None

Future Pathway of Paper: Standard item

**Summary**: This report gives details of the proposed work programme for the Adult

Social Care Cabinet Committee.

Recommendation: The Adult Social Care Cabinet Committee is asked to

**CONSIDER** and **NOTE** its work programme for 2023.

1.1 The proposed work programme has been compiled from items on the Forthcoming Executive Decisions List, from actions arising from previous meetings and from topics identified at agenda setting meetings, held six weeks before each Cabinet Committee meeting, in accordance with the Constitution, and attended by the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and the Group Spokesmen. Whilst the Chairman, in consultation with the Cabinet Member, is responsible for the final selection of items for the agenda, this report gives all Members of the Cabinet Committee the opportunity to suggest amendments and additional agenda items where appropriate.

## 2. Terms of Reference

2.1 At its meeting held on 27 March 2014, the County Council agreed the following terms of reference for the Adult Social Care and Health Cabinet Committee: - 'To be responsible for those functions that sit within the Social Care, Health and Wellbeing Directorate and which relate to Adults". Public Health now sits within the Health Reform and Public Health Cabinet Committee which was founded 25 May 2017.

## 3. Work Programme 2023/24

- 3.1 Following the most recent meeting of the committee, an agenda setting meeting was held at which items for this meeting were agreed and future agenda items planned. The Cabinet Committee is asked to consider and note the items within the proposed work programme, set out in the appendix to this report, and to suggest any additional topics they wish to be considered for inclusion in agendas for future meetings.
- 3.2 The schedule of commissioning activity which falls within the remit of this Cabinet Committee will be included in the work programme and considered at future agenda setting meetings. This will support more effective forward agenda

- planning and allow Members to have oversight of significant service delivery decisions in advance.
- 3.3 When selecting future items, the Cabinet Committee should give consideration to the contents of performance monitoring reports. Any 'for information' or briefing items will be sent to Members of the Cabinet Committee separately to the agenda, or separate Member briefings will be arranged, where appropriate.

## 4. Conclusion

- 4.1 It is vital for the Cabinet Committee process that the Committee takes ownership of its work programme, to help the Cabinet Member to deliver informed and considered decisions. A regular report will be submitted to each meeting of the Cabinet Committee to give updates of requested topics and to seek suggestions of future items to be considered. This does not preclude Members making requests to the Chairman or the Democratic Services Officer between meetings, for consideration.
- **5. Recommendation:** The Adult Social Care Cabinet Committee is asked to **CONSIDER** and **NOTE** its work programme for 2024.
- **6.** Background Documents None.

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