

Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee – 2007/08 programme

1. Standing Items		
Item	Purpose of report	When
Announcements	Update, for information, on any matter of significant public or member concern listed not on the agenda elsewhere.	All meetings
Quarterly Performance Monitoring reports against the Council Plan	<p>These reports provide a summary of the Council's performance for the parts of the Council within the remit of this Committee. The performance measures are reported in the following ways:</p> <p>Amber - where there is concern about the likelihood of the performance measure achieving its target by the end of the year, together with recommendations for action.</p> <p>Red - where the performance measure is assessed as inappropriate or unachievable by the end of the year.</p>	All meetings (except September)
Business Transformation Programme Update	<p>There are four streams within the Programme containing multiple projects focussed on delivering key objectives to enhance services to clients and to ensure that there is efficient and effective back office support. A fifth support stream is looking at system structures across the whole programme</p> <p>These reports provide the committee with an update on the progress of each project stream within the Programme. This enables the committee to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider if projects are on target in terms of timescales and funding • Ask for additional information to be provided in relation to a particular project stream • Raise concerns about progress of a particular project stream 	Regular updates to committee as and when necessary

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Adult Social Care Three Year Plan	The Three Year Plan (2007/08 to 2009/10) sets out a strategic direction for the delivery of Adult Social Care services. It highlights how this relates to local and national policy, addresses the challenges faced across the county and provides a framework within which to engage with partners more effectively.	Considered as part of the reconciling policy and resources process
Reconciling policy and resources	<p>A revised Reconciling Policy and Resources (RPR) process was agreed by Cabinet in August 2006 to include scrutiny at every stage.</p> <p>Opportunity for the committee to consider and feedback comments to Cabinet on the RPR process in terms of policy steers, identified strategic risks, performance issues and financial planning</p>	September and December
Forward Plan	<p>The Council's Forward Plan is appended to each committee agenda. The purpose of this is to enable members to identify and highlight relevant issues for scrutiny. Options for dealing with items identified include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request a briefing paper to be sent to some or all committee members. • Request an item on a future scrutiny committee agenda to address specific questions raised by committee members. • Suggest that the item or elements of it be considered for a more in-depth scrutiny review. 	All meetings

2. Completed reviews		
Best Value Review of Learning Disabilities	This Review considered four areas of provision in relation to adults with learning disabilities; Person Centred Planning, work and career opportunities, housing support and future need	

	<p>Final report was presented to the Audit & Best Value Scrutiny Committee in March 2006 before being presented to Cabinet and Full Council. The 6 month update on the action plan came before this committee at the November 2006 meeting and the 12 month update to the September 2007 meeting.</p> <p>Further work in this area now being taken forward within the framework of the Joint Learning Disability Commissioning Strategy and the implementation of it three year action plan</p>	
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<p>3. Recent reviews</p>		
<p>Scrutiny review of Preventative Services</p>	<p>The review board considered the impact that the current level of provision of preventative services supporting older people in their own homes is having in preventing or delaying the need for more intensive intervention.</p>	<p>6 month update – March 2008</p> <p>12 month update – September 2008</p>

<p>4. Review Boards - Directly Provided Services</p>		
<p>The Scrutiny Committee Reconciling Policy and Resources Board held on 18 December 2006 decided to hold review boards to consider and provide comments on all the recommendations from the reviews of Directly Provided Services prior to them being presented Cabinet.</p> <p>Future reports include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Services provided to older people at the Morton Centre • Services provided to older people at St Anthony's 		

5. Issues for future meetings		
Subject	Purpose of report	Contact
6th December		
Reconciling policy and resources	Second meeting to consider proposals in relation to the 2008/09 process	
27th March 2008		
Directs Payments	<p>A scrutiny review on direct payments was carried out in 2004. A concern of the committee was the take up of direct payments and it requested at the June 2006 meeting that this issue continues to be monitored</p> <p>Opportunity to consult with Direct Payments User Group and older people who have taken up direct payments to provide their home care packages and assess the impact this scheme has had for them</p>	
Sickness absence levels	<p>The high sickness levels in the Adult Social Care Department had been a concern in 2006. The committee had a report on this issue to the March 2007 meeting outlining the current initiatives being used to help reduce this and current sickness figures. A further update on sickness levels was emailed to members in July 2007.</p> <p>An additional report assessing how successful the stress management and physical therapy schemes have been over the last year and current sickness level figures was requested by the committee</p>	Emma Marshall
12th June		
	<i>Items to be decided</i>	

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11th September		
Joint Learning Disability Commissioning Strategy	The Committee considered the Strategy at the September 2007 meeting. It was agreed that a joint meeting with the Service Users Reference Group take place to review the Strategy after it had been in place for a year to assess if it is meeting the needs of clients.	

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Carers services	<p>The Carers Services strategy has now been in place for a reasonable amount of time. The Committee will focus on how the strategy has helped improve the services provided to carers and if there remains areas for further improvement</p> <p>Opportunity to involve Care for the Carers and Crossroads in discussions at the meeting</p>	
Engagement with older people	<p>Opportunity to assess if the recent development of the Older People's Forums has improved the way in which the county council communicates with older people and older people feed back their concerns/issues to the county council</p> <p>Also assess if we are we managing to reach all groups of older people</p> <p>Opportunity to involve members of the Older People's Forums in the meeting</p>	
Residential provision for older people with a learning disability	Once the timetable for the development of a new residential service for older people with a learning disability has been agreed the committee will have an opportunity to consider how it wishes to monitor and assess the work	