Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee – 2008 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	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:	All meetings (except September)
	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.	
	Red - where the performance measure is assessed as inappropriate or unachievable by the end of the year.	
Business Transformation Programme Update	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	Regular updates to committee as and when necessary
	These reports provide the committee with an update on the progress of each project stream within the Programme. This enables the committee to:	
	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	

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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	Scrutiny plays a key part in the Reconciling Policy and Resources (RPR) process and considers and provides feedback to Cabinet on the process in terms of policy steers, identified strategic risks, performance issues and financial planning	September meeting and December board. Update on outcomes and improving future process to March meeting
Forward Plan	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:	All meetings
	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.	

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 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 presented in November 2006 meeting and 12 month update in September 2007.	Completed Further work being taken forward by Joint Learning Disability Commissioning Strategy	

Scrutiny review of Preventative Services	services supporting older people in their own homes is having in preventing or delaying the need for more intensive intervention.	Monitoring:
		- June 2008
		- November 2008

3. Future tabletop reviews		
Provision of short term respite care from the independent sector	Short review looking at the issue of the lack of provision of short term respite care in the independent sector and how this could be addressed Review board: Cllr Taylor, Cllr Webb	June 2008
Safeguarding Adults	Departmental review on the Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Service is about to commence. The objectives of the review include looking at whether there is a consistent approach to investigating safeguarding adult allegations across all services and establishing whether Safeguarding Adults activity is leading to greater protection of the public. Review board to be involved in assessing the evidence and providing feedback to help develop the service Review board: Cllr Forster (Chair), Cllr Gubby and Cllr Woodall	June 2008
Integrated Community Equipment Services (ICES)	Contract with the Nottingham Rehabilitation Service (NRS) to provide equipment to aid people in their daily lives (such as walking aids or bathing equipment) ends in 2009. Prior to beginning the re-tendering process; the department is deciding exactly what type of service it wants in the future to meet the needs of its clients. Review board to be involved in assessing the various options that could be included in the future provision of the service. Review board: to be agreed	September 2008
Review of services following DPS reviews	Short review assessing the impact that changes in service have had on clients following the Directly Provided Services reviews held in 2007. Review board: Cllr Forster, Cllr Tidy	September 2008

4. Review Boards - Directly Provided Services

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.

DPS Boards:

1st May - Older People's "Stand-Alone" Day Centres - Moreton Centre, Charter Centre, Isabel Blackman Centre and Phoenix Centre (tbc) – Learning Disability Group Homes

5. Future meetings			
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April (tbc)			
Away Day	Opportunity to look at some of the key issues facing the department in the forthcoming year to help the committee develop it's work programme for 2008/09		
12 th June			
	items to be confirmed		
11 th 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.		

Items for future meetings

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Supporting people inspection	Opportunity for the committee to consider the outcomes of the inspection and how the department will address the recommendations in the action plan	
Carers services	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 Opportunity to involve Care for the Carers and Crossroads in discussions at the meeting	
Engagement with older people	Opportunity to involve care for the carers and crossroads in discussions at the meeting 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	
	feedback on joint strategy Also assess if we are we managing to reach all groups of older people Opportunity to involve members of the Older People's Forums in the meeting	
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	