

Report to: East Sussex Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC)

Date of meeting: 5 March 2026

By: Deputy Chief Executive

Title: Work Programme

Purpose: To agree the Committee's work programme

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is recommended to review its work programme at Appendix 1 and agree any updates needed.

1. Background

1.1 The work programme contains the proposed agenda items for future HOSC meetings and is included on the agenda for review at each committee meeting. It is an important tool in ensuring the correct focus and best use of the Committee's time in scrutinising topics that are of importance to the residents of East Sussex.

1.2 This report also provides an update on any other work going on outside the Committee's main meetings.

2. Work programme

2.1. The Committee is asked to review the items in the current work programme, attached as **Appendix 1** to this report, and discuss the future agenda items and other scrutiny work of the Committee for inclusion in the Committee's future work programme based on current priorities for scrutiny and the NHS.

2.2. Since the Committee last met, the Chair attended a meeting with the Chairs of Brighton and Hove HOSC and West Sussex HASC at the invite of University Hospitals Sussex (UHSx), relating to recent media coverage of its maternity services. UHSx offered to attend a future meeting of the HOSC to provide the whole Committee with an update on its maternity services, which the Committee may wish to schedule for a future meeting.

2.3. The Committee is asked to consider any future reports or other work items that it wishes to add to the work programme, and whether to schedule or remove any of the items listed under the "Items to be Scheduled" section of the work programme for future meetings to be held later in the municipal year.

3. Conclusion and reasons for recommendations

3.1 The work programme sets out HOSC's work both during formal meetings and outside of them. The Committee is asked to consider its priorities in the context of NHS reforms and agree an updated work programme.

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