

Work Programme 2013-14 – Priority topics by Sub-committee

Adult Social Care, Health and Wellbeing Sub-committee Work Programme 2013/14

In-depth studies:

- Independent Supported Living (ISL) – further consultation with clients is underway and the new proposals for ISL need to be firmed up over the next couple of months and reported back to Cabinet. Considering the tight timescale for this piece of work it was agreed that work commences immediately on this. The Head of Adult Social Care to give suggestions on how a small group of members from the sub-committee can get involved with this piece of work. The sub-committee could consider carrying out further work later in the year, for example assessing the impact the re-configured service has had on clients.
- Public Health Services – review of which services are being commissioned and how they are provided with a focus on tackling health inequalities (further clarification required on what this review would cover).

Other items to be considered during the year:

- Change, Efficiency and Improvement Programme - to focus on specific projects related to the remit of the sub-committee (quarterly basis)
- Talking Therapies Service (mental health commissioning) – to seek the views of the sub-committee, which will contribute towards the service [specification](#)
- Proposed changes to Northumberland, Tyne and Wear NHS Foundation Trust services - to inform and consult with the sub-committee on proposed changes to learning disability inpatient services, dementia pathway and female acute assessment beds
- Shared Purpose Project - to receive a six month progress report
- Shiremoor Walk-in Centre - to receive an update on the walk-in centre closure, as well as feedback from the access to GP's review and on any transport issues in relation to residents from Shiremoor accessing the Battlehill Walk-in Centre
- Physical restraints on mental health patients - to receive a report on the use of physical restraints on mental health patients
- Respite Care - to investigate the impact that cuts have had on respite care
- NHS111 - to receive a six monthly progress report on the implementation
- Hospital Discharge and Re-admissions - to receive an update on hospital discharges and the impact on re-admissions (scope to be agreed)
- Northumberland, Tyne and Wear Foundation Trust - to receive an update on the Trust's services and activities
- Psychiatric Old Age Service - to receive an update on the Trust's services and activities
- Podiatry Services - to receive a report on the Podiatry Service
- Quality Account - to discuss Northumbria Healthcare Foundation Trust's quality account and the future priorities

- Early interventions for older people - to receive a report on the developments of early interventions for older people
- Learning Disability Nurse - to investigate the role of the Learning Disability Nurse and how this service works between the Trust's three hospitals
- Medication Management and Misuse – the Clinical Commissioning Group and Director of Public Health to present a joint report
- Public Health Procurement - Director of Public Health to report back to Members on the procurement of public health services
- Significant Variations – to consider and be consulted on any significant health service changes which occur during the year (as required)
- Care Quality Commission (CQC) – CQC will engage with the sub-committee when information sharing is required (as required)

Children, Education and Skills Sub-committee

The sub-committee agreed to undertake the following in-depth policy development topics:

Apprenticeships – to consider the apprenticeship options available to young people in North Tyneside and whether the schemes are meeting the needs of young people. To begin July 2013.

Integrated disability service – to contribute to the development of the health and education plan for 0-25 year olds. To begin at the completion of the work above on apprenticeships.

Other items to be considered throughout the year:

- Change, Efficiency and Improvement programme reports on a quarterly basis (focused on specific projects related to the remit of the sub-committee)
- Updates on Kings Priory
- Updates on the Adoption Action Plan
- North Tyneside Learning Trust – to look at the outcomes of the trust and whether the set objectives have been met
- Energy academy – to explore how the new Energy Academy in Wallsend, operated by Newcastle College, has benefited students and businesses in North Tyneside.
- University secured places/drop out rates – to consider a report on the number of applications/secured places by students in North Tyneside, identifying figures by ward. This report will also look at drop-out rates and reasons why people drop-out.

Economic Prosperity and Housing Sub-committee

The sub-committee agreed to undertake the following in-depth policy development topic:

New Build Council Homes – to consider the options for a longer term strategy on new affordable council homes. To begin July 2013.

Other items to be considered throughout the year:

- Quality homes for older people – to consider the project as it progresses, including performance management processes.
- Homelessness strategy – to undertake some pre-scrutiny of the refresh of the homelessness strategy.
- Bus Delivery Strategy – to scrutinise developments by the Tyne and Wear Integrated Transport Authority (TWITA) to establish a Bus Quality Contract.
- Gateway Project and local welfare provision – to monitor progress with this project following the transfer to Adult Social Care. Regeneration – to continue to monitor progress with regeneration projects.
- Housing Revenue Account – Budget information in relation to the HRA will be available for the sub-committee in November 2013.
- Regeneration and the integration of bus and Metro service and time tables.
- Change, Efficiency and Improvement programme report on a quarterly basis (focussed on specific projects related to the remit of the sub-committee)
- Any issues of concern arising from performance management information referred to the sub-committee by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Environment and Culture Sub-committee Work Programme 2013/14

The sub-committee agreed to undertake the following in-depth policy development topics:

- Street lighting – to review the Council’s street lighting strategy. Officers and Cabinet Members have provided some background and context to the review. A sub-group has been established and the first meeting is scheduled for 9 July 2013.
- Library review – to consider how we currently deliver library services and if it could be done in a more effective and efficient way. This piece of work will take place during the summer and will feedback to the sub-committee at their meeting on 11 September. Members will have the opportunity to discuss the findings and proposals and put their views/comments forward to help shape the new strategy.
- Sense of Place – to consider how communities can work together, develop a sense of ownership and promote high standards within estates. Suggested timescale: February 2014
- Leisure services – to explore the possibility of shared services with other local authorities through the trading company. Further information being sought from officers on when such a piece of work would be timely.
- Crematoria – to review the Council’s crematoria facilities. Suggested timescale: end of 2013/14 municipal year; carry forward to 2014/15.

Other items to be considered during the year:

- Change, Efficiency and Improvement Programme - to focus on specific projects related to the remit of the sub-committee (quarterly basis)
- Excellent Parks Programme – to visit Richardson Dees Park and see at first hand the outcomes of the Excellent Parks Programme
- Crime and disorder issues – to review the role of the Police and Crime Commissioner in relation to North Tyneside
- Waste strategy – to receive information in relation to reducing waste levels and the capacity of incinerator facilities across the region
- Surface Water and Drainage Partnership – to receive quarterly progress update reports

Finance Sub-committee

The sub-committee agreed to undertake the following in-depth policy development topic:

- Fees and charges, to review fees and charges across the Council;
- Detailed review of specific areas of the Change Efficiency and Improvement (CEI) Programme, including an examination of the business cases which support the delivery of the programme, with relevant Heads of Service;
- Trading Company, to scrutinise the role and operation of the trading company and whether it offers value for money;
- Review of Contracts, including the partnerships with Kier North Tyneside, Balfour Beatty and Capita Symonds; and
- Deficits, to scrutinise any potential budget deficits which would be identified in the bi-monthly budget monitoring reports.
- Strain on the Fund, to compare the highest, lowest and overall total amounts payable and the numbers of employees affected over the past 3-4 years and, if possible, to compare these figures with the other neighbouring authorities such as Northumberland and Newcastle; and
- Organisational Restructures, to scrutinise the financial implications of any restructuring proposals such as the ongoing review of the Council's senior management structure.

Other items to be considered throughout the year:

- Bi-monthly budget monitoring reports;
- Quarterly monitoring reports in relation to the implementation of the CEI programme;
- Bi-monthly monitoring of the red rated risks associated with the business and technical partnerships with Balfour Beatty and Capita Symonds; and
- Other annual reports including schools funding and the impact on the budget of 0% Council Tax rises.