

Report to:	COUNCIL
Relevant Officer:	Mark Towers, Director of Governance and Partnerships
Relevant Cabinet Member:	Councillor Simon Blackburn, Leader of the Council
Date of Meeting	25 September 2019

ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 To consider proposals to extend the responsibilities of the Adult Social Care and Health Scrutiny Committee.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

2.1 That the functions of the Adult Social Care and Health Scrutiny Committee are extended to include the appointment of joint health scrutiny committees.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

3.1 To allow the Adult Social Care and Health Scrutiny Committee to establish (as well as appoint members to) a joint committee, as preparations are underway to establish a joint committee on a Lancashire wide basis.

3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? Yes

3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:

For the Adult Social Care and Health Scrutiny Committee to retain its current responsibilities.

4.0 Council Priority:

4.1 The relevant Council priority is 'Communities, creating stronger communities and increasing resilience'.

5.0 Background Information

- 5.1 Discussions are currently taking place on an informal basis with the four upper tier local authorities (Blackpool Council, Blackburn with Darwen Council, Lancashire County Council, and Cumbria County Council) to establish a joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee across the South Cumbria and Lancashire Integrated Care System (ICS) region.
- 5.2 The arrangements would allow scrutiny to take place of services provided and commissioned at an ICS level that affect the whole of the Lancashire area, more effectively and without duplication across the individual authorities.
- 5.3 This would mean that the Council's Adult Social Care and Health Scrutiny Committee would be able to focus on performance of providers in Blackpool, latest CQC inspections and action plans of Blackpool hospitals and services that are provided on a local basis such as availability of GP appointments, dental provision and the work of the Council's own Adult Social Care Services.
- 5.4 The proposals in this report would extend the functions of the Adult Social Care and Health Scrutiny Committee to include the establishment of a joint committee. This would help to progress arrangements when the discussions across Lancashire and South Cumbria have been finalised.

List of Appendices

None

6.0 Legal considerations

- 6.1 Upper tier authorities have a duty for scrutiny of local health services in accordance with the Health and Social Care Act 2001, S190 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012, the Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013.

7.0 Human Resources considerations

There are no Human Resources considerations.

8.0 Equalities Considerations

- 8.1 There are no equalities considerations.

9.0 Financial considerations

9.1 There are no financial considerations in this report.

10.0 Risk management considerations

10.1 There are no risk management considerations.

11.0 Ethical considerations

11.1 There are no ethical considerations.

12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken

12.1 Consultation has taken place on an informal basis with representatives of the three upper tier authorities. The Chair and Vice-Chair of the Council's Adult Social Care and Health Scrutiny Committee are also aware of the intention to establish a joint committee.

13.0 Background papers

13.1 None.