

**Report to:**

**ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND HEALTH SCRUTINY  
COMMITTEE**

**Relevant Officer:**

Mrs Sharon Davis, Scrutiny Manager.

**Date of Meeting:**

2 December 2021

## **SCRUTINY WORKPLAN UPDATE REPORT**

### **1.0 Purpose of the report:**

1.1 To review the work of the Committee, the implementation of recommendations and note the update on the Pathology Collaboration briefing, the Supported Housing and Meals on Wheels Scrutiny Reviews and the upcoming topics for review.

### **2.0 Recommendations:**

2.1 To approve the Committee Workplan, taking into account any suggestions for amendment or addition.

2.2 To monitor the implementation of the Committee's recommendations/actions.

2.3 To note the outcomes from the briefing on the Pathology Collaboration and the upcoming topics and dates for reviews.

### **3.0 Reasons for recommendations:**

3.1 To ensure the Committee is carrying out its work efficiently and effectively.

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? N/A

### **4.0 Other alternative options to be considered:**

None.

### **5.0 Council Priority:**

5.1 The relevant Council Priority is:

- Communities: Creating stronger communities and increasing resilience.

## **6.0 Background Information**

### **6.1 Scrutiny Workplan**

The Committee's Workplan is attached at Appendix 8(a) and was developed following a workplanning workshop with the Committee in June 2021. The Workplan is a flexible document that sets out the work that will be undertaken by the Committee over the course of the year, both through scrutiny review and committee meetings. It has recently been amended to take account of the pandemic and the impact on the workload of public health in particular.

Committee Members are invited to suggest topics at any time that might be suitable for scrutiny review through completion of the Scrutiny Review Checklist. The checklist forms part of the mandatory scrutiny procedure for establishing review panels and must therefore be completed and submitted for consideration by the Committee, prior to a topic being approved for scrutiny.

### **6.2 Implementation of Recommendations/Actions**

The table attached at Appendix 8(b) has been developed to assist the Committee in effectively ensuring that the recommendations made by the Committee are acted upon. The table will be regularly updated and submitted to each Committee meeting.

Members are requested to consider the updates provided in the table and ask follow up questions as appropriate to ensure that all recommendations are implemented.

### **6.3 Pathology Collaboration**

6.3.1 Members received a further update on the development of the Pathology Collaboration on 19 October 2021. Mark Hindle, Director of the project provided a comprehensive update on the progress made and Members noted with satisfaction, that the key targets of the project and transition were being met. It was agreed that a further briefing be provided in March 2022, as the first of the services were due to be transitioned and in place for April 2022 onwards.

### **6.4 Supported Housing Scrutiny Review Panel**

6.4.1 The Supported Housing Scrutiny Review met for a final time on 9 November 2021 and has finalised its conclusions and recommendations. A final report is being written and

will be submitted to the Committee for approval in the new year.

**6.5 Meals on Wheels Scrutiny Review Panel**

6.5.1 Kate Aldridge, Head of Corporate Delivery and Commissioning has advised that the leaflet has not yet been created, but both leading providers of meals on wheels in Blackpool have been contacted and information gathered from them about what needs to be included and information has been updated on the FYI directory in the meantime. Both providers are keen that the leaflet (while not recommending any provider in particular) helps people understand what meals on wheels can offer and what questions people could consider asking when they are looking to decide what is right for them. The providers are happy to work with the Council on the wording and content of the leaflet, and we will also be checking it works for the intended audience through its development (service users and friends and family). It is expected that a draft will be presented to the Committee in the new year.

Does the information submitted include any exempt information?

No

**7.0 List of Appendices:**

Appendix 8(a): Adult Social Care and Health Scrutiny Committee Workplan  
Appendix 8(b): Implementation of Recommendations/Actions

**8.0 Financial considerations:**

8.1 None.

**9.0 Legal considerations:**

9.1 None.

**10.0 Risk management considerations:**

10.1 None.

**11.0 Equalities considerations:**

11.1 None.

**12.0 Sustainability, climate change and environmental considerations:**

12.1 None.

**13.0 Internal/external consultation undertaken:**

13.1 None.

**14.0 Background papers:**

14.1 None.