

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Work Programme Report

10th September 2014

Report of Chief Officer (Governance)

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To provide Members with an update of the Committee's Work Programme.

This report is public.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- (1) That the Committee consider the updated Work Programme.
- (2) That the Committee consider the recommendation to invite members of the Health and Wellbeing Local Partnership Group to the Marmot Review briefing.

1. Introduction

Members are requested to consider the updated Work Programme.

2. Updates

Marmot Review

Members agreed at the last meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to invite Dr Mike Grady to a meeting to give a presentation on the Marmot Review. Officers have contacted Dr Grady, and after discussions with Dr Grady and, with the agreement of the Chairman, a Member briefing has been arranged for this presentation.

The Committee is recommended to invite members of the Health and Wellbeing Local Partnership Group to the briefing.

This will take place on Wednesday, 8th October 2014 commencing at 2.00 pm at Lancaster Town Hall.

Incontinence Pads for Children

With regard to the issue of incontinence pads for children, replies have been received by the Chief Executive from both Healthwatch and the Hospital Trust stating that this issue has now been resolved.

Reduction at Lancaster Fire Station

A response has been received from the Chairman of the Lancashire Combined Fire Authority following the Committee's meeting in June when the reduction in wholetime fire appliances at Lancaster Fire Station was considered.

A copy of the letter is attached at Appendix A.

Arts Commissioning Framework

Cabinet, at its meeting on the 2nd September, is being recommended to implement arts commissioning by April 2017. Cabinet's decision will be reported at the meeting. This recommended timeframe will give the Committee ample opportunity to look at the details of the commissioning framework prior to its further consideration by Cabinet.

Public Health Statics

In July, information was circulated to the Committee from Lancashire County Council's Public Health team. This information gave detailed health statistics at a ward level highlighting areas where the district was below the national average.

Members have asked for further information on hospital stays for self harm and also for emergency hospital admissions for Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease.

Communities and Local Government Committee

The House of Commons Communities and Local Government Committee has recently launched an inquiry into litter. The Committee is particularly keen to hear from local authority scrutiny committees that have carried out reviews or investigations into litter and fly-tipping.

Further details including the Committee's Terms of Reference and details on how to provide a written submission are set out on the parliament.uk webpages using the link below: -

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/communities-and-local-government-committee/inquiries/parliament-2010/litter/>

The deadline for submissions is 2pm on Thursday, 16th October 2014.

SECTION 151 OFFICER'S COMMENTS

As there are no financial implications arising from this report the S151 officer has no comments to make.

MONITORING OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The Monitoring Officer has been consulted and has no further comments.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Letter received from Lancashire Combined Fire Authority dated 6th August 2014.

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