

# OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

## Work Programme Report

15<sup>th</sup> October 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.

#### 1. Introduction

Members are requested to consider the updated Work Programme.

#### 2. Updates

##### Public Health Statics

At the last meeting the Committee was advised that more detailed information had been requested by Members of the Committee on hospital stays for self harm and also for emergency hospital admissions for Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease.

This information was circulated to Members of the Committee since the last meeting.

Members are asked to consider if they wish to carry out any further work now the information has been received. The Public Heath team have offered to come back to the Committee to give more details on this information.

##### West Coast Mainline

Members will recall that the Committee considered a request from Network Rail at its June meeting following a Motion that was agreed at Council regarding flooding of the West Coast Mainline.

Network Rail were asking that the City Council work with them to evaluate the most effective way to provide protection from flooding to the West Coast Main Line. Network Rail wanted to have discussions to work towards providing a railway which is resilient to flooding and flood damage.

As it was not possible for representatives from Network Rail to attend a Committee meeting, the Chairman and Pre-Scrutiny Champion visited the Network Rail main office in Manchester to discuss possible areas of concern on the West Coast Mainline.

The meeting was very useful with areas around Bolton-le-Sands highlighted as the most significant area for potential flooding issues in the future. Network Rail agreed to investigate possible flood areas in the district in the future.

It was suggested that the Committee should inform the County Council as the responsible authority for flooding of the work undertaken by the Committee.

<b>SECTION 151 OFFICER'S COMMENTS</b>	
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As there are no financial implications arising from this report the S151 officer has no comments to make.	
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<b>MONITORING OFFICER'S COMMENTS</b>	
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The Deputy Monitoring Officer has been consulted and has no further comments.	
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