
Meeting	Safeguarding Overview & Scrutiny Committee
Date	16 th April 2012
Subject	Safeguarding Overview & Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme
Report of	Scrutiny Office
Summary	This report outlines the Committee's work programme during 2011/12.

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Status (public or exempt)	Public
Wards affected	All
Enclosures	Appendix A – Safeguarding Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2011/12
Reason for urgency / exemption from call-in	Not applicable

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1. RECOMMENDATION

- 1.1 **That the Committee consider and comment on the items included in the 2011/12 work programme of the Safeguarding Overview & Scrutiny Committee (Appendix A).**

2. RELEVANT PREVIOUS DECISIONS

- 2.1 None.

3. CORPORATE PRIORITIES AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committees must ensure that the work of Scrutiny is reflective of the Council's priorities.
- 3.2 The three priority outcomes set out in the 2012/13 Corporate Plan are: –
- Better services with less money
 - Sharing opportunities, sharing responsibilities
 - A successful London suburb

4. RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES

- 4.1 None

5. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

- 5.1 In addition to the Terms of Reference of the Committee, and in so far as relating to matters within its remit, the role of the Committee is to perform the Overview and Scrutiny role in relation to:
- The Council's leadership role in relation to diversity and inclusiveness; and
 - The fulfilment of the Council's duties as employer including recruitment and retention, personnel, pensions and payroll services, staff development, equalities and health and safety.
 - The Council is required to give due regard to its public sector equality duties as set out in the Equality Act 2010 and as public bodies, Health partners are also subject to equalities legislation; consideration of equalities issues should therefore form part of their reports.

6. USE OF RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS (Finance, Procurement, Performance & Value for Money, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)

- 6.1 None in the context of this report.

7. LEGAL ISSUES

- 7.1 None save those contained within the body of the report

8. CONSTITUTIONAL POWERS

- 8.1 The scope of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees is contained within Part 2, Article 6 of the Council's Constitution; the Terms of Reference of the Scrutiny Committees are

included in the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules (Part 4 of the Council's Constitution).

9. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 9.1 The Safeguarding Overview & Scrutiny Committee's Work Programme 2011/12 indicates items of business previously considered by the Committee and forthcoming items.
- 9.2 The work programme of this Committee is intended to be a responsive tool, which will be updated on a rolling basis following each meeting, for the inclusion of areas which may arise through the course of the year.
- 9.3 The Committee is empowered to agree its priorities and determine its own schedule of work within the programme.

10. LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 10.1 None