

Meeting Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Date 11 December 2012

Subject Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

**Forward Planning** 

Report of Overview and Scrutiny Office

Summary

This report provides Members with the Health and Well-being

Board Forward Work Programme, current published Advanced Notice of Proposed Decisions under Executive Functions and the Committees Forward Work Programme. The Committee is asked to consider these when identifying and planning future areas of

scrutiny work.

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Status (public or exempt) Public

Wards affected All

Enclosures Annex A – The Health and Well-being Board Forward Work

Programme

Annex B – Advance Notice of Proposed Decisions under

**Executive Functions** 

Annex C – HOSC Forward Work Programme

Reason for urgency / exemption from call-in

Not applicable

Key decision No

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### 1. RECOMMENDATION

1.1 That the Committee comment on and consider the Health and Well-being Board Forward Work Programme, the Advance Notice of Proposed Decisions under Executive Functions and the Committees Work Programme when identifying and planning areas of future Scrutiny work.

#### 2. RELEVANT PREVIOUS DECISIONS

2.1 None.

### 3. CORPORATE PRIORITIES AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committees/Sub-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 in the context of this report.

### 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 the report.

#### 7. LEGAL ISSUES

7.1 None in the context 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.

- 8.2 The Terms of Reference of the Scrutiny Committees are included in the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules (Part 4 of the Council's Constitution). The Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee has within its terms of reference responsibility:
  - (i) To perform the overview and scrutiny role in relation to health issues which impact upon the residents of the London Borough of Barnet and the functions services and activities of the National Health Service (NHS) and NHS bodies located within the London Borough of Barnet and in other areas.
  - (ii) To make reports and recommendations to the Executive and/or other relevant authorities on health issues which affect or may affect the borough and its residents.
  - (iii) To invite executive officers and other relevant personnel of the Barnet Primary Care Trust, Barnet GP Commissioning Consortium, Barnet Health and Wellbeing Board and/or other health bodies to attend meetings of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee as appropriate.

#### 9. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 9.1 Under the current overview and scrutiny arrangements, the Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee will ensure that the work of Scrutiny is reflective of Council priorities, as evidenced by the Corporate Plan and the programme being followed by the Executive.
- 9.2 The Cabinet Forward Plan will be included on the agenda at each meeting of the Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee as a standing item.
- 9.3 The Committee is encouraged to comment on the Forward Plan.
- 9.4 The Committee is asked to consider items contained within the Forward Plan to assist in identifying areas of future scrutiny work, particularly focussing on areas where scrutiny can add value in the decision making process (pre-decision scrutiny).

# 10. LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

10.1 None.